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Obama Jumps Into '08 Race

Ill. senator expected to make formal announcement Feb. 10

WASHINGTON | Sen. Barack Obama launched a presidential campaign Tuesday that would make him the first black to occupy the White House, and immediately tried to turn his political inexperience into an asset with voters seeking change.

The freshman Illinois senator — a top contender for the Democratic nomination — said the past six years have left the country in a precarious place and he promoted himself as the standard-bearer for a new kind of politics.

"Politics has become so bitter and parti-

san, so gummed up by money and influence, that we can't tackle the big problems that demand solutions," Obama said in a video posted on his Web site. "And that's what we have to change first."

Obama filed paperwork forming a presidential exploratory committee that allows him to raise money and put together a campaign structure. He is expected to announce a full-fledged candidacy on Feb. 10 in Springfield,



Obama

Ill., where he can tout his experience in the state legislature and tap into the legacy of hometown hero Abraham Lincoln.

Obama's soft-spoken appeal on the stump, his unique background, his opposition to the Iraq war and his fresh face set him apart in a competitive race that also is expected to include front-runner Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. (AP)

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More Than 100 Dead in Baghdad Violence



CHAOS: Bystanders and a firefighter carry the body of a victim outside Al-Mustansiriya University in Baghdad, where two minivans exploded as students were leaving classes Tuesday, killing at least 65 people. Attacks elsewhere in the city pushed the day's toll over 100. ♦ **34,000 dead:** U.N. tallies civilian toll | **Page 6**

BACHELORS | Heart of the City Hall The bachelor mayor of Carbondale, Ill., is getting help with finding a possible mate. David More, founder of the Carbondale Dispatch, is soliciting date prospects on Brad Cole's behalf through a Web site,



Marrythemayor.com. Interested parties can submit, by Valentine's Day, an essay in hopes of winning a date with the 35-year-old mayor. More's efforts began after Cole said his New Year's resolution was to "find someone, fall in love." (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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Not Snow, Rain, Heat ... But Claws, Forget It

Post office employees in Huddersfield, England, have warned a woman they will cease delivering mail to her house unless she can control her vicious cat, the Mirror reported. Dipity, Sarah Gregg's pet, claws at the postman when he puts his hand into the letter box to deliver mail. Gregg said she didn't know of the attacks until she received a complaint from the post office, which said any further incident would result in the suspension of home delivery service and suggested attaching a cage around the inside of her door. "I feel very bad about what has happened," Gregg said. "She is a little terror." (EXPRESS)

LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS

Also, He Never Helps Clean the Cage

Chuang Chuang the panda is too heavy for sex. Bangkok officials have put him on a diet to get him to mate with partner Lin Hui at the Chiang Mai Zoo. "Chuang Chuang is gaining weight too fast. ... Lin Hui is no longer comfortable with having sex with him," said zoo veterinarian Kanika Limtrakul. (AP)



CHIANG YING-YING/AP

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You can put your foot on him and push him across the floor to sweep up hair.

ANIMALS

Barbershop Quartet Now Refers to Legs

Franklin the basset hound is no longer in the doghouse. About a year after a state inspector banned Franklin from Matt's Barber Shop in Canal Fulton, Ohio, the pooch is back. The dog was kicked out when an inspector for the state Barber Board told the owner animals were not allowed. Rules have since been passed that allow one animal per barbershop, as long as it belongs to the shop's owner, a vet attests to the animal's health and the owner obtains liability insurance. (AP)

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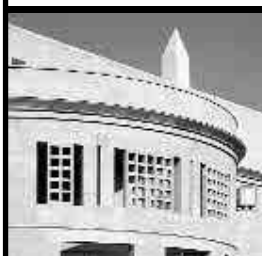
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DEEP FREEZE: Freezing temperatures have destroyed up to three-quarters of California's \$1 billion citrus crop, according to an estimate issued as forecasters warned the weather could continue.

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In Brief



Sens. Trent Lott, left, and Frank Lautenberg detail their Amtrak plan.

WASHINGTON

Senators Try Again to Gain More Funding for Amtrak

Sens. Frank Lautenberg and Trent Lott initiated a second attempt Tuesday to pass legislation that would set ambitious funding targets for Amtrak while also requiring the passenger railroad to become more efficient. The bill, similar to one that passed 93-6 in the Senate last year but was never voted on in the House, would authorize \$3.2 billion a year for Amtrak for the next six years. (AP)

ROCHESTER, N.Y.

Death Toll Climbs to 46 Following Major Ice Storm

Power lines were down, highways were treacherous and spring-like temperatures were only a memory Tuesday in parts of the Northeast in the wake of the storm that earlier had plastered the Midwest and Plains with a heavy shell of ice. The death toll from the storm was at least 46 in seven states. (AP)

Obama Follows in Lincoln's Footsteps

Presidential bid set to begin in Springfield for young Ill. senator

WASHINGTON | For all those historians and political naysayers, Sen. Barack Obama's allies like to point out that Abraham Lincoln served just two years in the House before becoming president.

It's a comparison certain to be repeated as Obama, with slightly more than two years in the Senate, continues to align himself with the Civil War president. The senator's expected campaign kickoff is scheduled for Feb. 10 in Lincoln's hometown of Springfield, Ill. — where both men served in the state legislature.

Obama filed paperwork for a presidential exploratory committee Tuesday, which allows him to raise money and organize a campaign structure before his formal announcement.



Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., arrives on Capitol Hill Tuesday after announcing he will form a presidential exploratory committee. He would be the first black U.S. president.

If elected, he would be an obvious subject for the history books — the first black president.

Obama's soft-spoken appeal on

the stump, his unique background, his opposition to the Iraq war and his fresh face set him apart in a competitive race that also is expected

to include front-runner Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York.

His star has risen on the force of his personality and message of hope — helped along by celebrity endorsements from the likes of Oprah Winfrey, billionaire investor Warren Buffett and actors Matt Damon and Edward Norton.

The 45-year-old has few accomplishments on the national stage after serving little more than two years in the Senate. But at a time when many voters say they are unhappy with the direction of the country, a lack of experience in the nation's capital may not be a liability.

"The decisions that have been made in Washington these past six years, and the problems that have been ignored, have put our country in a precarious place," Obama said.

NEDRA PICKLER (AP)

Early leaders: Obama and Hillary Clinton will be the focus when 2008 campaign heats up. | **Today's Post, AI**

Bush Says Iraq 'Fumbled' Executions

President: Saddam hanging looked like it was a 'revenge killing'

WASHINGTON | President George W. Bush said Tuesday the unruly execution of Saddam Hussein "looked like it was kind of a revenge killing" and will make it harder for him to

convince a skeptical U.S. public that Iraq's government will keep promises central to Bush's plan for an American troop increase.

In his toughest assessment yet, Bush criticized the circumstances of the former Iraqi president's hanging last month, as well as Monday's execution of two top aides, including Saddam's half



Bush

brother. "I was disappointed and felt like they fumbled the — particularly the Saddam Hussein execution," the president said in an interview with public

television's Jim Lehrer.

Bush said he had expressed his displeasure about the way Saddam's execution was handled to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

"It basically says to people, 'Look, you conducted a trial and gave Saddam justice that he didn't give to others. But then, when it came to execute him, it looked like it was kind of a revenge killing,'" the president said. JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

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REBUTTAL: Freshman Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., is set to deliver the Democrats' response to President Bush's State of the Union address on Jan. 23.

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Jurors' Politics Are Probed

Selection begins with Libby defense seeking views of the Bush team

WASHINGTON | Two potential jurors who expressed negative views of Bush administration officials were dismissed on the opening day of the perjury trial of former White House aide "Scooter" Libby.

The start of jury selection in the CIA leak case provided a potentially crucial victory for I. Lewis Libby's defense lawyers. They were allowed to ask potential jurors in detail about their opinions of the Bush administration, Vice President Dick Cheney, a group of high-profile reporters and whether the administration had lied to push the country into war with Iraq.

The defense faces a key challenge in picking a jury for this highly political case in a city where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans more than 9-to-1. Cheney is expected to be a defense witness.

Special Prosecutor Patrick



I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, right, former chief of staff for Vice President Dick Cheney, leaves U.S. Federal Court in Washington on Tuesday — the first day of his trial.

Fitzgerald objected repeatedly, but to no avail, that Libby's lawyers were going beyond the more general opinion questions that U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton asked the entire jury pool when the proceedings began Tuesday morning.

Fitzgerald complained, "They're

trying the case" in jury selection.

Libby, who served as an adviser to President Bush and chief of staff to Cheney, is accused of lying to investigators about his conversations with reporters regarding the public disclosure of CIA officer Valerie Plame's name. **MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN (AP)**

Ky. Train Crash Sparks Fears Over Chemicals

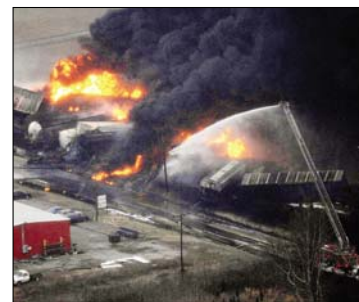
Highway, school are shut down due to fire; no injuries reported

SHEPHERDSVILLE, KY. | Several train cars carrying volatile chemicals derailed and exploded Tuesday south of Louisville, shutting down a nearby highway and forcing evacuations of homes, businesses and a school, authorities said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries from the wreck that occurred about 8:45 a.m. EST, but the fumes caused several people to seek treatment at a local hospital, authorities said.

The blaze produced a massive column of black smoke in the mostly rural area.

Television footage showed several blazing cars stacked across the rail lines and flaming liquid flow-



Authorities battle the blaze in Ky., after trains carrying chemicals derailed.

ing down ditches from the mangled tanker cars.

The immediate area, including Brooks Elementary School, was evacuated, said state police Maj. Lisa Rudzinsky. She did not give the radius of the affected area.

Authorities also shut down an 18-mile stretch of Interstate 65, Kentucky State Police dispatcher Joey Mattingly said. **(AP)**

Millennium-Plot Sentence Tossed By Appeals Court

SAN FRANCISCO | A federal appeals court on Tuesday threw out the sentence of a man who was convicted of plotting to bomb Los Angeles International Airport at the turn of the millennium.

Ahmed Ressam was arrested near the U.S.-Canadian border in December 1999 after customs agents found 124 pounds of explosives in the trunk of his car as he disembarked from a ferry in Port Angeles, Wash.

Prosecutors said he was intent on bombing the airport on the eve of the millennium. The arrest raised fears of terrorism attacks and prompted the cancellation of New Year's celebrations at Seattle's Space Needle.

On Tuesday, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco sent the case back to a lower court to issue a new sentence and explain the rationale behind the 22-year term. **(AP)**



NAME LIVES ON: The Navy said Tuesday its next aircraft carrier will be named the USS Gerald R. Ford in honor of the late president, a tribute to his love of the Navy. Ford, who died Dec. 26 last year, served in the Navy during World War II.

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After Surviving Flood, Noah Is Born

La. woman gives birth to embryo endangered in Hurricane Katrina

COVINGTON, LA. | Rescued from a great flood while he was just a frozen embryo in liquid nitrogen, a baby boy entered the world Tuesday and was named after the most famous flood survivor of them all, Noah.

Noah Benton Markham — 8 pounds, 6 ½ ounces — was born to 32-year-old Rebekah Markham by Caesarean section after growing from an embryo that nearly defrosted in a sweltering hospital during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

“All babies are miracles. But we have some special miracles,” said Wanda Stogner, a cousin of Markham’s.

Relatives gathered around New



IT'S A BOY: Noah Benton Markham is held by his father, Glen Markham, just after the birth at St. Tammany Parish Hospital in Covington, La., on Tuesday morning.

Orleans police officer Glen Markham as the proud 42-year-old father carried the tiny blanket-wrapped bundle topped by a pink-and-blue cap out of the operating room at St. Tammany Parish Hospital.

Then he announced, “It’s a boy!” to an eruption of cheers and applause.

The Markhams had decided that if their baby was girl, she would be named Hannah Mae, with Hannah meaning “God has favored us.” A boy would be named after the biblical Ark builder — an idea that came from Rebekah Markham’s sister-in-law.

“That is the best name!” said Ramon Pyrzak, lab director for the Fertility Institute of New Orleans, where the Markhams created embryos from their sperm and eggs after nearly a decade of inability to have a baby.

JANET MCCONNAUGHEY (AP)

Hunter Charged With Murdering Hmong in Wis.

MARINETTE, WIS. | A white man was charged Tuesday with murdering a Hmong hunter in the woods in a slaying that rekindled racial tensions in Wisconsin and raised fears among Southeast Asian immigrants that the dead man was the victim of payback.

James Nichols, 28, shot and stabbed Cha Vang, 30, whose body was found Jan. 6 in a wildlife refuge near Green Bay where both were hunting squirrels, authorities said.

District Attorney Brent DeBord gave no motive for the killing. “I know there are many people in the Hmong community and the community at large that are wondering if this is a hate crime,” said Dick Campbell, spokesman for Vang’s widow. “I’m wondering that myself.” (AP)

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World

In Brief



Nepal's leaders declared a public holiday Tuesday to mark the political shift.

KATMANDU, NEPAL Peace Process Furthered as Ex-Rebels Enter Parliament

Nepal's government declared a public holiday Tuesday to mark the entry a day earlier of former Maoist insurgents into an interim Parliament and mainstream politics for the first time, a major step in the nation's peace process. Eighty-three Maoists joined the 330-seat interim legislature on Monday, taking oaths of office in a ceremony following a negotiation process that began last year. (AP)

PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA Staff Evacuated From Oil Installations Amid Violence

Royal Dutch Shell evacuated staff from two oil installations in southern Nigeria and the military boosted troop levels in the volatile area Tuesday after a dozen village elders were killed in a riverboat attack, officials said. Bisi Ojediran, a spokesman for Shell PLC, said only a skeleton crew remained at the two evacuated pipeline hubs in the Niger Delta region. (AP)

LONDON Authors Appeal Ruling On 'Da Vinci' Copyright Issue

Tales of Jesus and Mary Magdalene returned to a London court Tuesday, as two authors appealed a ruling that Dan Brown did not infringe their copyright with his best-selling thriller "The Da Vinci Code." Lawyers for Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh contend that Brown stole parts of their nonfiction work "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail," first published in 1982, for his novel. (AP)

Twin Car Bombs Kill 65 in Baghdad

Blasts hit university; U.N. reports 34,000 civilians killed in '06

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Twin car bombs tore through a leading Baghdad university as students left classes Tuesday, killing at least 65 people in the deadliest single attack in nearly two months and marking a full-fledged resumption of sectarian violence. A total of 142 Iraqis were killed or found dead after two weeks of relative calm.

The spasm of bloodshed — most of it the apparent work of Sunni militants — coincided strikingly with a new U.N. report that said a staggering number of Iraqi civilians, 34,452, were killed in sectarian violence in 2006 — nearly triple the number reported by the government.

The country's Shiite-dominated leadership has routinely labeled the U.N. figures "inaccurate and exaggerated" but has not explained why.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki blamed the attack at al-Mustansiriya University on "terrorists and Saddamists" seeking revenge for Monday's hanging of two of Saddam Hussein's top aides, convicted with him for crimes against humanity in the killings of 148 Shiites after a 1982 assassination attempt in Dujail.

Tuesday's slaughter hit mainly



GRIM SCENE: Iraqis view the site where two bombs exploded in front of al-Mustansiriya University in Baghdad on Tuesday.

ELSEWHERE IN IRAQ

→ **The U.S. military** said four American soldiers were killed Monday in Ninevah.

→ **Talks between** Shiite lawmakers to end a boycott by legislators and Cabinet ministers loyal to Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ended without agreement.

→ **The U.N. report** also said 30,842 people were detained in the country as of Dec. 31, including 14,534 held in U.S. military-run prisons. (AP)

Shiite targets or districts in Baghdad and could also signal a Sunni insurgent campaign to shed as much blood as possible before the arrival of 21,500 more American troops to back up the Iraqi army.

Al-Mustansiriya University sits on a sprawling campus in north central Baghdad. It ranks second among institutions of higher education in Iraq.

Taqi al-Moussawi, university dean, told state-run Iraqiya television there were two explosions

in small buses as students were packing into a line of vehicles for the ride home.

The team of attackers stationed a man wearing a suicide belt in the expected path of fleeing students to take even more lives, but he was spotted and shot by security men before he could blow himself up, the dean said. STEVEN R. HURST (AP)

'Unbelievable things': A grim and chaotic scene engulfed students at Tuesday's bomb attack | **Today's Post, Al**

Tepid Saudi Backing for Iraq Strategy

Rice meets skepticism on tour of Arab allies to discuss U.S. plan

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA | U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's appeal for Arab allies to help support the fragile government in Iraq drew only a tepid endorsement Tuesday from the administration's strongest ally in the region.

Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal said Saudis hope President Bush's plan to turn around the situation in Iraq is successful,

but was plainly skeptical that the Iraqi government is up to the task of doing its part.

"We are hoping these objectives will be implemented, but the means are not in our hands," he said. "They are in the hands of the Iraqis themselves."

Rice is nearing the end of her tour of Arab allies meant to draw support for Bush's blueprint, which relies heavily on

the Iraqi government's will and ability to curb sectarian violence and rally confidence among disfavored Sunni Arabs.

Rice traveled to Kuwait later Tuesday, where she was meeting with diplomats from Persian Gulf countries.

"I've briefed the president's plan on Iraq at all the different stops," Rice told reporters traveling with her. "There is, I think, very good support for the American commitment there, very good support for the objectives the president wants to achieve." ANNE GEARAN (AP)



Rice

U.K. Video Shows Alleged Bomber

LONDON | Prosecutors laying out their case against six men accused in attempted suicide attacks on London's transit system showed video Tuesday apparently of a bomb misfiring in a crowded Underground train and of one suspect scrambling away after another device failed to explode.

The closed-circuit TV video shows a puff of flour blowing out of a suspect's backpack in the alleged attack on July 21, 2005, two weeks after four suicide bombers killed 52 transit passengers in the city. (AP)

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SKY-HIGH: The Burj Dubai skyscraper under construction in Dubai reached its 100th story on Tuesday, nearly two-thirds of the way in its relentless climb to become the world's tallest building. The \$1 billion spire is expected to rise more than 160 floors.



World

Afghan Troop Tours May Lengthen

U.S. commander says the Taliban may be plotting new offensive

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan said Tuesday he wants to extend the combat tours of 1,200 soldiers amid rising violence, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he was "strongly inclined" to recommend a troop increase to President Bush if commanders believe it is needed.

Gates also said Pakistan must act to stem an increasing flow of Taliban fighters into Afghanistan as U.S. military officials cited new evidence that the Pakistani military, which has long-standing ties to the Taliban movement, has turned a blind eye to the incursions.

The prospect of a troop increase

in Afghanistan, at the same time Bush is ordering 21,500 more troops into Iraq, raises new questions about the military's ability to sustain its war-fighting on two major fronts. There now are about 24,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, which Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry, the senior American commander here, said is the highest since the war began in October 2001.

It also raises questions about the future course of the war in Afghanistan, which the United States is increasingly handing off to NATO forces. Of the 31,000 troops here under NATO command, about 11,000 are American. The U.S. has an additional 12,000 or 13,000 to hunt down al-Qaeda terrorists and to train the Afghan army.

Eikenberry told reporters he has recommended to the Pentagon that



IN PERSON: Defense chief Robert Gates visits with U.S. troops on Tuesday at a military post in Afghanistan near the village of Lawara, close to the Pakistani border.

1,200 soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division be ordered to stay through the end of the year.

Eikenberry, who is due to leave his post on Jan. 21, said it appears the Taliban is readying a spring offensive to focus mainly in areas of southern Afghanistan, particularly in urban centers.

On his second overseas trip since taking over at the Pentagon, Gates was briefed on the problem of cross-border incursions by the Taliban and their use of havens in Pakistan to direct growing numbers of attacks across the border.

"The border area is a problem," Gates told a news conference after meeting with President Hamid Karzai. "There are more attacks coming across the border, [and] there are al-Qaeda networks operating on the Pakistani side of the border. And these are issues that we clearly will have to pursue with the Pakistani government." ROBERT BURNS (AP)

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Money



NEW RING: Verizon Communications Inc. said Tuesday it will sell its local consumer telephone assets in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont to FairPoint Communications Inc. for \$2.72 billion. The companies said there will be no layoffs as a result of the deal.

Skype Creators Unveil New Joost TV Service

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS | The co-founders of the Internet telephone service Skype unveiled the name and details of their latest project Tuesday: a new Internet-based television service called Joost.

Entrepreneurs Niklas Zennstrom and Janus Friis, who sold Skype for \$2.6 billion to eBay Inc. in 2005, said the new project combines aspects of file-sharing software and regular broadcast television. Joost may eventually try to move onto television sets, but it will initially focus on making it

easier and more fun to watch TV on a computer.

Joost, like Skype, requires users to download free software. In this case, the program will help them browse the Internet for channels and clips they're interested in, rather than make phone calls.

The service will be ad-supported, but advertising will be briefer and less frequent than on regular TV. Viewers will have a broader selection of programming and will be able to watch whenever they want. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Omnova	5.60	+0.89	+18.9
MillsCp If	17.77	+2.56	+16.8
FairPoint	21.41	+2.87	+15.5
Amrep	146.33	+14.43	+10.9
M&F Wild	32.20	+2.47	+8.3

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Mesab	24.43	-4.50	-15.6
CmcBNJ	31.83	-2.89	-8.3
Aventine n	19.57	-1.62	-7.6
Indymac	40.50	-3.05	-7.0
Headwats	23.12	-1.62	-6.5

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.3125	5.1875
3-month disc	4.96	4.95
2-year	4.87	4.80
10-year	4.75	4.66
30-year	4.84	4.74

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Smith&Wol	7.29	+2.26	+44.8
Zevex s	12.76	+3.39	+36.2
HghwyH	6.46	+1.17	+22.1
HerzfildC	15.01	+2.48	+19.8
Iomai n	5.10	-.07	-1.4

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
InnerWk n	14.01	-2.19	-13.5
Symantec	17.79	-2.69	-13.1
MediCo	29.73	-4.02	-11.9
Voxware n	3.30	-.41	-11.1
Actuate	5.17	-.63	-10.9

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5095	.5107	.5631
Canadian Dollar	1.1767	1.1697	1.1612
European Euro	.7738	.7743	.8245
Japanese Yen	120.60	120.35	114.19
Mexican Peso	10.9549	10.9615	10.5650
Taiwanese Dollar	32.80	32.76	31.99

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+26.51	-5.04	+1.17
+0.21	-0.20	+0.08
12582.59	2497.78	1431.90

Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B n h	31.48	-.14	+1.0
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DirectTV	24.17	-.03	-3.1
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Local

Pollution Caps Upheld

Ruling maintains the daily standard limits for Anacostia River

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected a request that environmentalists say could have weakened pollution limits for the Anacostia River.

The court let stand a lower court ruling last year that required the Environmental Protection Agency to set daily pollution caps for the river. The EPA initially had approved limits on certain pollutants by using long-term annual and seasonal averages.

Earthjustice, a nonprofit public interest law firm that tries to protect natural resources, obtained a ruling, by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the district, mandating daily limits as required by the Clean Water Act. The nonprofit was acting on behalf of Friends of the Earth, an environmental group.

The D.C. Water and Sewer Authority — which provides drinking water and wastewater management — had tried to get the ruling overturned, and the Supreme Court rejected the petition. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Candace Green, a worker at the Beltsville MVA office, pleaded guilty Tuesday to selling 162 illegal driver's licenses for about \$1,300 each. (AP)

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS



GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Jason Jacobs, left, and Jamie Roberts secure a banner hanging from the top of the Maryland State House on Tuesday during setup for the Wednesday inauguration of incoming Gov. Martin O'Malley.

Student Pleads Guilty To Setting Fatal Blaze

Arsonist to serve 40 years in prison for fire off the UMD campus

COLLEGE PARK, MD. | A University of Maryland student who set a house fire that killed a fellow student pleaded guilty Tuesday to murder and other charges.

Daniel Patrick Murray, 22, of Berwyn Heights was charged in the April 30, 2005, blaze that killed Michael A. Scrocca, 22, of Somerville, N.J.

Another student who was in the house jumped out a second-floor window and suffered seri-

ous burns.

County state's attorney Glenn F. Ivey said Murray pleaded guilty as part of an agreement in which he will serve 40 years in prison.

"It's nice to have some accountability," said the victim's mother, Mary Scrocca. "If we left it up to a jury, we can't predict the outcome. This is the safest thing to do. He's a young man, and a good part of his life will be over before he can get out."

"I don't think about forgiveness, partially because during everything we've been through we have not seen an ounce of remorse from him. No, I think he's just sorry he's going to jail." (AP)

Blame in Protest Shared by All, Report Says

WASHINGTON | An independent investigation into October's confrontations between deaf students and campus police at Gallaudet University says the actions of school officials, campus police and students contributed to the problems.

The report released Monday faulted officers and school officials for the campus police force's inadequate training. It says students share blame for blocking officers from entering a university building.

A case in which an officer pushed a student was deemed excessive.

The 53-page report reviewed the events that came as students occupied a campus building to protest the incoming university president. (AP)

Md. Property Values Up

→ Maryland property assessments went up 56 percent the past three years despite signs of a slower market. | **Today's Post, Metro**

IN The Washington Post

Congressional Building Evacuated

WASHINGTON | One of the three House office buildings was temporarily evacuated Tuesday after a fire alarm went off.

Officials said police ordered

the evacuation of the Longworth building at 11 a.m. after the alarm sounded. The all-clear was given 45 minutes later and people were let back in. (AP)

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Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) **2-0-8**
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.) **5-4-9-5**
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Travel

Grown-Up Fun

San Diego's renovated downtown lures the post-SeaWorld crowd

FACE-LIFTS | Not long after surviving the shoot-out at the O.K. Corral, gunslinger Wyatt Earp moved from Tombstone, Ariz., to San Diego's Stingaree district, which in the 1880s was full of saloons and brothels. A century later, the downtown neighborhood — redubbed the Gaslamp Quarter — had become a different sort of Wild West, notorious for topless bars, boarded-up buildings and high crime levels.

But in 1980, with much of its Victorian architecture still intact, the 16-block area was added to the National Register of Historic Places. After two subsequent decades of gentrification, including three major developments nearby — Horton Plaza, an outdoor mall; the convention center; and Petco Park, the Padres' stadium — downtown is now one of San Diego's biggest draws, right up there with SeaWorld.

Croce's, the restaurant and jazz club Ingrid Croce opened in 1985 as a tribute to her late husband, singer-songwriter Jim, has become something of a landmark on the Gaslamp's main drag, Fifth Avenue. "We basically had no competition when we opened," says Croce. "Now there are dozens and dozens of places to eat and hang out."

Throng descends on the area each evening, prompting a recent shift upscale, with cigar bars, velvet ropes and chic hotels popping up. The Keating, a 35-room boutique inn designed by Pininfarina, the company



Fifth Avenue in the historic Gaslamp Quarter has become a hotbed for nighttime activity in San Diego. The city is now offering excitement outside of SeaWorld.

responsible for Ferraris and Maseratis, opened in December in the 116-year-old Romanesque Revival building above Croce's. Construction on the Hard Rock Hotel, at the southern end of the Gaslamp, should be completed by summer. And in 2008, a Marriott Renaissance hotel will be built on Fifth Avenue's lone parking lot.

Since 2000, San Diego's down-

town population has grown from 17,000 to 30,000, and that figure is expected to jump as high as 90,000 within 25 years. People are no doubt drawn by the idea of getting the best of both worlds — wearing a hot new outfit on Friday night, and then shorts and flip-flops to the beach the next morning.

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Cars

WHAT ABOUT BOB? General Motors' vice chairman is denying rumors that he is planning to retire next year. "The whole thing is utter and complete [nonsense]," Bob Lutz said. A company memo earlier this month seemed to suggest he would step down.



Basics Can Be Blissful

The Chevy Aveo and Nissan Versa set new benchmarks for thrift

ROAD TEST | Desire, Buddha says, is the root of suffering — also, a leading cause of alimony, but let's move on.

The craving for comfort, luxury, prestige and me-first acceleration drives us to buy more car than we absolutely need to go from point A to point B. And do these cars make us happy? Well, yes. Yes, they do.

But at what cost, karmically speaking? And for how long? Consider a common experience: Call it "rental car phenomenology." You go on vacation, rent a chintzy, buzzy little economy car with crank win-

NUTS & BOLTS



→ 2007 CHEVY AVEO LS SEDAN

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dows, cloth seats and all-but-crystal-set radio, and by the second day you discover, lo, you can get along quite fine with your miserable little scrap of a car. We adjust quickly to our automotive surroundings.

Conversely, the satisfactions of a luxury car often seem to decline in direct proportion to the distance from the dealership. After a few months, auto-ennui settles in, and you may ask yourself: Why did I blow all that cash on this boat?

In a material culture running out of ways to besot consumers, buy less car than you can afford. Maybe a lot less. Cars are, after all, an awful waste of money. For most of their existence, all they do is sit there — in the driveway, the parking deck, on the street — in a cloud of dissipating residual

value. Why not, just for one round in the auto-buying cycle of life, opt out, break the bewitchment of automotive status and indulgence. Consider the joys of modesty.

The 2007 Chevy Aveo LS and the Nissan Versa are a couple of the cheapest cars on the market. Both are four-door, five-seat, front-drive runabouts with sub-2-liter four-bangers under the hood. Both come as hatchbacks or sedans.

And both repel the attentions of the opposite sex like Gortex repels water. These cars have the erotic charge of abstinence-based education, the epicurean frisson of room-temperature tofu.

Yet both are pretty endearing little cars. To drive them is to benchmark how far cheap transportation has come. Both are safe — with good government ratings in crash tests — and reasonably fuel-efficient.

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How much money is a new main relay and/or ignition switch?

Relay should be less than \$100; ignition switch, less than \$200.

When I accelerate, my car will hesitate between 2,000 to 3,000 rpms. A mechanic said the fuel pressure was a bit low. The injectors and fuel filter have been replaced.

Do you have any other ideas what could be the problem?

Disconnect the hose to the EGR valve, plug the end of the hose — a golf tee works very well — and drive the car. If the problem is gone, go to

the parts store, buy a vacuum delay valve and install it in the middle of the EGR vacuum hose.

My engine stumbles when it is carrying a load and appears to backfire through the intake.

Check for vacuum leaks and lean fuel mixture, often caused by a faulty coolant temperature sensor.

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When I turn on the air conditioner, it blows out a really musty/moldy/mildewy smell. My wife said it smelled like cat pee! What is it? How do I get it out and prevent it from happening in my other cars?

Likely, it's mold and mildew growing in the AC duct work. You need an AC vent-cleaning service, such as BG Frigi Clean.



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LEAGUE EXPANSION: London will hold the NFL's first regular-season game outside North America this year, the start of a campaign to take American football to a global audience. The opponents have yet to be announced, but the Dolphins and Giants are believed to be front-runners for the game.



Sports

Arenas Thrives in Pressure Cooker

Star guard likes having the ball in his hands for the game-winning shot

WIZARDS | The game's tied, 11 seconds left, the Washington Wizards call timeout, and Gilbert Arenas looks at his teammates in the huddle. He delivers a simple message: "I don't do overtime."

He does, however, do drama.

Plenty of NBA players hit the occasional buzzer-beater, the type of shot that provides momentum at the end of a quarter or victory at the end of a game. Arenas is making it a regular occurrence this season, with 11 buckets in the final 3 seconds of a period or game.

"Everybody tries to seize the moment," teammate Caron Butler said after practice Tuesday, "but he actually does it. All the time. He's becoming one of the best ever."

Eight of Arenas' 11 late makes were 3-pointers, and the most recent came Monday, when he told the rest



Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas goes under the basket to score against the Jazz on Monday. Arenas is second in the league in scoring with 30.2 points per game.

of the Wizards he had no desire to play an extra period. Then he went out and backed up his words, sending everyone home by hitting a 3 as time expired to lift Washington

over the Utah Jazz 114-111.

"We just didn't seem to have much of an answer for him," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. "He has a little bit of everything you want in a player,

plus he has the ability to make it when it's on the line. That's what makes him a great player."

Arenas — who likes to come up with odd things to shout when shooting, such as "hibachi!" when he's feeling as hot as a grill — is No. 2 in the NBA in scoring average at 30.2 points and tied for 13th in assists at 6.3.

Already a two-time All-Star, Arenas — currently third in All-Star voting behind Dwyane Wade and Vince Carter — is more concerned with taking his team deep into the playoffs. He's had success under pressure in that environment — a game-ending basket against the Bulls in 2005, for example — and a setback, too — missing two free throws against the Cavaliers last season.

If a game's tight in the closing seconds, and Washington has possession, there's a good chance Arenas will have the ball.

"Hopefully, we don't put ourselves in that position anymore. But if we do," Jamison said, "I like our odds." **HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)**



Luciano Emilio answers questions after being introduced as D.C.'s newest star.

D.C. Adds A Prolific Scorer

Brazil's Emilio wants to help United return to championship form

UNITED | He's no David Beckham — that was clear way before he said it.

But D.C. United's newest international player wants to be better than Beckham, at least when it comes to scoring goals.

Brazilian forward Luciano Emilio joined United on Tuesday, the first of several international signings expected from a team hoping to return to championship form. Emilio's arrival from CD Olimpia of Honduras lacks the magnitude of English star Beckham's impending blockbuster move from Spain's Real Madrid, but Emilio expects to make his impact on the field.

"I'm here to help D.C. on the attack," Emilio said through an interpreter. "My goals have always been the same with any team I've been at: No. 1, to win a championship; second, I want to win the goal-scoring title. I think I'm a proven goal-scorer, and I think I can help the team in that department."

First, Emilio will have to deal with his old team. His debut game with United will be against Olimpia in the CONCACAF Champions' Cup in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, next month.

Emilio, 28, essentially replaces Alecko Eskandarian, who was traded to Toronto FC last month. **(AP)**

All-Star Game Will Be in D.C.

WNBA | When the WNBA All-Star game came to Washington in 2002, it was an obvious reward for a Washington Mystics franchise that was regularly leading the league in attendance.

Five years later, the All-Star game is returning, and this time the league hopes the event will provide a boost for a team that has lost fans at the gate since the return of baseball to the nation's capital.

The league announced Tuesday that its midseason showcase will be played at Verizon Center on July 15 at 3:30 p.m.

"I think it's a good spark," WNBA president Donna Orender said. "I think it's a way to reconnect with the fans who have been here and let them know how valued they are by this organization and by the league."

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Redskins Fire Linebackers Coach

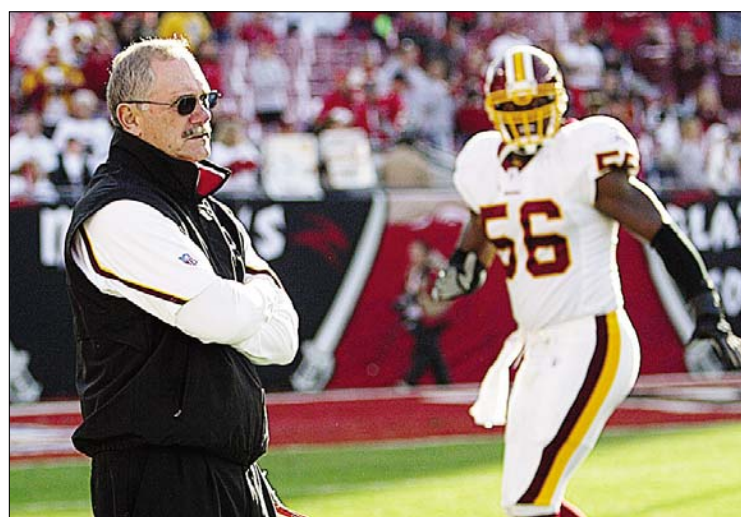
Lindsey is the first coach to leave after a tough year for Gibbs

REDSKINS | Joe Gibbs' worst season as a head coach claimed its first casualty Tuesday when the Washington Redskins fired linebackers coach Dale Lindsey.

Gibbs, who values loyalty and is reluctant to part with any of his assistants, decided to let Lindsey go after a 5-11 season in which the linebackers played poorly.

"We appreciate the work and effort Dale has given the organization over the past three seasons, but we have decided to move in a different direction with our linebackers," Gibbs said.

Lindsey's blunt mannerisms often seemed to clash with Gibbs' preferred coaching style. Lindsey had no problem singling out individual players for criticism and had a running feud with three-time Pro Bowl linebacker LaVar Arrington,



Dale Lindsey, left, stands on the sidelines before last season's playoff win at Tampa Bay. Lindsey had a running feud with linebacker LaVar Arrington, right.

who eventually bought his way out of his contract and later signed with the New York Giants.

Lindsey's demeanor was fine as long as the defense was playing well, but this season the Redskins ranked 31st out of 32 teams in yards allowed. Lindsey's unit shouldered

much of the blame. Middlelinebacker Lemar Marshall regressed, and second-round draft pick Rocky McIntosh languished on the bench most of the season despite another uninspiring season from weak-side starter Warrick Holdman.

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Sports



THE LONG GOODBYE: Yankee Stadium will host the All-Star Game in 2008, the last year of its existence, ESPN reported. The new Yankee Stadium is scheduled to open in 2009, and it has been expected that the All-Star Game would be used to usher out the 84-year-old historic stadium.

'The Greatest' Celebrates His 65th

Many still remember Ali as the young, brash superstar of the '60s

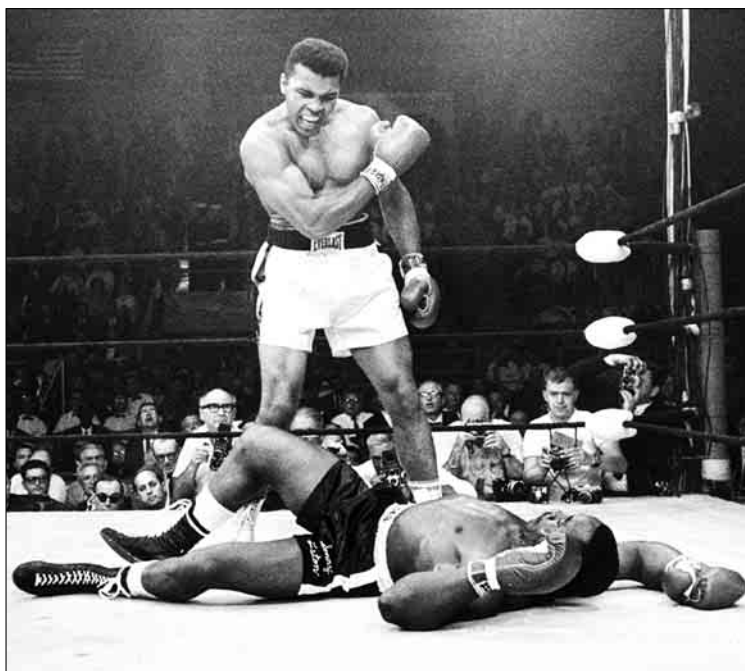
BOXING | The images are unsettling at best, upsetting at worst. The world, after all, remembers what he once was.

Muhammad Ali trembles and has to be wheeled to a ringside spot to watch his daughter fight in New York. A frail Ali needs to be supported by basketball player Dwyane Wade at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

The voice that once bellowed that he was "The Greatest" is but a whisper now, and he communicates mostly with facial expressions.

His body is ravaged by Parkinson's disease and the effects of recent spinal surgery. He tires easily. His mind, though, remains sharp and clear, and his passion for people hasn't faded with age.

Ali turns 65 on Wednesday. The heavyweight champion who shocked the world is a senior citi-



JOHN ROONEY/AP

In one of his most famous moments, Muhammad Ali stands over Sonny Liston shortly after knocking Liston to the ground with a short right to the jaw in 1965.

zen now, eligible to collect Social Security.

Like many other retirees, he has moved from Michigan to the desert

to be out of the cold.

Visitors to the home in a gated area of Scottsdale, Ariz., that he shares with his fourth wife, Lon-

nie, often find him absorbed in the past, watching films of his fights and documentaries on his life — and Elvis movies.

Even more, he loves to watch himself talk.

"Muhammad is a little sentimental. He likes looking at older things. He likes watching some of the crazy outrageous things he used to say," Lonnie Ali said. "Sometimes I think he looks at it and says, 'Is that me? Did I really say those things?'"

Those were the days when Ali still floated like a butterfly and stung like a bee, when he added to his legend by defying the odds to beat George Foreman in Zaire and Joe Frazier in the Philippines.

"People naturally are going to be sad to see the effects of his disease," she said. "But if they could really see him in the calm of his everyday life, they would not be sorry for him. He's at complete peace, and he's here learning a greater lesson."

TIM DAHLBERG (AP)

Cardinals Make A Visit to the White House

MLB | President Bush said Tuesday that even in a losing streak, it is possible to win by sticking with your goal and showing character no matter what the doubters say about you.

He was talking, of course, about baseball.

Bush, a life-long fan of the sport, honored the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals by commending them for winning the hard way.

The team limped into the playoffs with the worst record of any World Series champion in a non-strike season. The Cardinals played with castoffs in key positions and a sense of being slighted by people other than their fans.

"When you overcome the odds this team overcame, you've got to play as a team," Bush said. "And they did." BEN FELLER (AP)



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Few Like It Hot at Australian Open

Top-seeded Sharapova struggles in the heat but is able to advance

TENNIS | Soaked with sweat, and delusional by her own admission in the 100-degree heat, top-seeded Maria Sharapova had come within two points of a first-round exit at the Australian Open.

When it was announced the roof would be closed over Rod Laver Arena after her match, Sharapova clapped her hands above her head and raised her right thumb to applaud the decision.

Asked after her 6-3, 4-6, 9-7 win Tuesday over Camille Pin if it was hot enough, Sharapova replied: "You're not kidding."

"It's inhumanly possible to play three hours in that kind of heat," she said. "I don't think our bodies were made to do that — I was so delusional I couldn't think."

Eighth-seeded David Nalbandian used the heat to his advantage, coming back from two sets and a breakdown as Janko Tip-



Maria Sharapova tries to cool down in between games at the Australian Open.

sarevic wilted. Tipsarevic eventually retired with heat exhaustion with Nalbandian leading 6-7 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-0, 2-1.

Nalbandian said the conditions were disgusting and unfair for those who were on court and had to continue playing when the Extreme Heat Policy was enforced.

JOHN PYE (AP)

Nats Agree to Minor Contracts

NATIONALS | Outfielder Chris Snelling agreed to a \$450,000, one-year contract with the Washington Nationals on Tuesday, avoiding salary arbitration.

Snelling and right-hander Emiliano Fruto joined the Nationals in last month's trade that sent second baseman Jose Vidro to the Seattle

Mariners. The oft-injured Snelling hit .300 or better in each of his first seven pro seasons in the minors, and he batted .250 with three homers and eight RBIs in 36 games with Seattle in 2006.

The Nationals also agreed to one-year contracts with 12 other players on their 40-man roster. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The lowly Knicks are surprisingly just one game back in the horrid Atlantic conference. They travel to D.C. to play the Wizards, who are 15-3 at home this season.

HOYAS HOOPS (7:30 P.M. ON MASN) After Saturday's loss to Pittsburgh, Georgetown tries to get back on track with a road game at Rutgers.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN AND ESPN2)

Clemson gets the tough challenge of hosting a deep Tar Heels squad, and Illinois is at Minnesota.

NBA (9 P.M. ON ESPN) Two traditional Western powers go at it when Kobe Bryant and the Lakers take on Tim Duncan and the Spurs.

TENNIS (9 P.M. ON ESPN2, 3:30 A.M. ON ESPN) The Australian Open continues from Melbourne.

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The number of season tickets the L.A. Galaxy sold in the week since it was announced that David Beckham would join the team beginning next season. The Houston Dynamo, which hosts the Galaxy in the first game of the year, also saw its ticket sales jump 200 percent from last week, MLS reported.

Another Ewing Playing a Big Role

Son of famous alum is excelling coming off the bench for Hoyas

HOYAS HOOPS | He has the same name and wears the same No. 33 jersey as his famous father, but Patrick Ewing Jr. is not so quietly making his own mark on the Georgetown Hoyas.

As the Hoyas have moved into the heart of the Big East schedule, their sixth man is earning increased minutes through hard work, hustle, and, most importantly, good defense.

"I feel like my role is to bring



defensive intensity," Ewing said last week. "I don't need to score. We have Roy [Hibbert], Jeff [Green] and Jonathan [Wallace] for that."

That doesn't mean Ewing can't sink a shot. In Saturday's 74-69 loss at No. 6 Pittsburgh, he netted a season-high 12 points.

The continued improvement in Ewing is something coach John Thompson III is hoping to see in his whole team. After starting the season ranked No. 8, Georgetown (11-5, 1-2) is now unranked and look-

Patrick Ewing Jr., left, wrestles for a ball with Villanova's Shane Clark.

ing to snap a two-game losing streak Wednesday night at Rutgers.

While the Hoyas are still learning to play together, Thompson knows what he is getting when Ewing hits the floor.

"He gives you energy, gives you emotion," the coach said. "He plays smart."

It may still seem unusual to longtime Hoyas fans to see a Ewing coming off the bench, but the 6-foot-8 forward has no problem with his role.

"Starting has never been a big thing for me," said Ewing, who sat out last year after transferring from Indiana. "As long as we're winning, I'm happy. I was thrilled all last year, and I sat on the bench."

MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)



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Hokies Have the Look Of an ACC Superpower

Impressive wins over Duke and UNC give Va. Tech street cred

HOKIES HOOPS | When Virginia Tech joined the Atlantic Coast Conference three years ago, the Hokies were welcomed as a huge asset in football and a virtual non-factor in basketball.

With former ACC star Ricky Stokes as coach, the Hokies of the hardwood had never so much as qualified for the Big East tournament until 2004, and that was after Stokes was fired, Seth Greenberg replaced him and leaned on two freshman guards for success.

Now, Zabian Dowdell and Jamon Gordon are seniors and are among the most dynamic backcourts in the country.

"Me and Zabian are probably two of the most underrated players in the nation," Gordon said. "We give it hard every night. If we're not scoring, we're playing defense."

"Not too many guards will outplay us every night."

Just ask Duke or North Carolina, both victims of the ball-hawking Hokies, who lead the ACC in turnover margin, forcing nearly 8 ½ more per game than they commit.



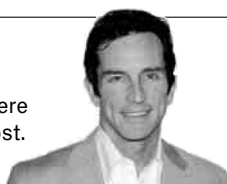
Jamon Gordon helps the Hokies past ACC power Duke in a game last week.

In a span of eight days ending on Saturday, Dowdell and Gordon led the way as Virginia Tech won in overtime at Duke, avenging a miracle-shot loss there last year, and then ended North Carolina's stay at No. 1 with a stunning victory at again-raucous Cassell Coliseum.

The big week boosted Virginia Tech into the top 25 for the first time in more than a decade.

HANK KURZ JR. (AP)

MORALITY PLAYS: "Survivor: Fiji," the 14th installment of the show in which people are still surprised when someone stabs them in the back, is set to premiere on CBS on Feb. 8 with 19 new castaways — and, of course, hottie host Jeff Probst.



Entertainment



LITTLE FAT MAN: Master of the mockumentary Ricky Gervais, right, shares an "Extras" scene with Eagle Scout Harry Potter.

Marginal Man

Ricky Gervais of 'The Office' gives 'Extras' credit in HBO series

MOCKUMENTARY MASTER | Ricky Gervais leveraged a not terribly promising background as philosophy geek, rock musician, talent booker, fringe radio host and TV gadabout into comic heights six years ago. With his partner Ste-

phen Merchant, Gervais hatched "The Office," a workplace "mockumentary" that became the most popular sitcom in British TV history before spawning NBC's Yank edition, which features Steve Carell as the terminally embarrassing office manager played by Gervais in the British original.

Along the way, Gervais, now 45, has followed his comic bliss with other projects, including a role in the

new Ben Stiller film "Night at the Museum," several stand-up tours, and even an ongoing series of much-downloaded podcasts cleverly titled "The Ricky Gervais Show."

"Extras," which returned on Sunday for a second season on HBO, is his latest effort for TV. Merchant is on board as both co-writer and as the wild-eyed, grinning nincompoop agent for Gervais' character, Andy Millman.

During the first season, Andy was stranded in show-biz obscurity as a film extra, his workdays spent on London shoots helping fill the frame with his unnoted presence.

Now, in the new cycle of six episodes, Andy is flirting with actual success with his new sitcom, "When the Whistle Blows" — yet is still feeling marginal. Even scoring with "When the Whistle Blows," Andy is doomed to be scared, unfulfilled and looked down on.

This is wickedly borne out when Andy and his makeshift entourage crash a chic London bar: Another patron, pop superstar David Bowie, takes him down a few rungs with an impromptu musical rebuke.

"Pathetic little fat man!" croons Bowie for the whole room to hear. "He sold his soul for a shot at fame! Catchphrase and wig, and the jokes are lame."

Mind you, in the real world Gervais isn't fat, just endowed with a relatable, doughy physique. Also: Glamorous people like David Bowie clamor to work with him. (Orlando Bloom, Daniel "Harry Potter" Radcliffe, Ian McKellen and Robert De Niro pop up as themselves on this season's "Extras.")

Now blessed with stardom, critical acclaim and coolness cred — he's a guy Andy would love to hang with — Gervais insists that he never sought fame, nor does he embrace it now.

"I live a very, very normal life," he says. "I walk to work. I walk back from work. I'm at home at 6 o'clock, in my pajamas watching television."

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)



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'RICHARD III' The Trickiest Dick



2 Shakespeare's "Richard III" presents one of the most monstrous characters in his oeuvre. According to the

Bard's depiction of Richard's bloody campaign to claim power, Richard, if he lived today, would have run afoul of the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

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PARTYLINE & EDIE SEDGWICK Headline Worthy

3 Gil Mantera's Party Dream, an electro-indieact from Cleveland, is headlining this show, but the local openers provide great reasons to attend. Edie Sedgwick (the alter ego of ex-Supersystem hunk Justin Moyer) performs bizarre and hilarious songs about celebrities, while the garage-punk group Partyline features Allison Wolfe, former Bratmobile riot grrrl.

→ *The Rock and Roll Hotel*, 1353 H St. NE; 8 p.m., \$10; 202-388-7625.

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'Portal' Slays the Competition

The latest 'Metal Gear' game for PSP is more than solid — it's classic

VIDEO GAMES | With a few exceptions, Sony's PlayStation Portable (PSP) hasn't had many good games since it was released a few years ago.

The new "Metal Gear Solid: Portable Ops" is one of those rare titles to buck that trend. This latest in a long series of spy-action thrillers from

Hideo Kojima is about as good as gaming gets on the PSP.

Technologically, "Portable Ops" is a huge leap over previous PSP versions in the series, which were turn-based. This time, the world of espionage and infiltration plays out in real-time 3-D graphics that look superb on the dazzling screen.

The single-player story finds the gruff, eyepatch wearing Naked Snake in a South American prison in 1970. Inexorably, he is sucked into the vortex of a military conspiracy



BETTER THAN NUDE LIZARD: "Naked Snake" returns in "Metal Gear Solid."

involving the CIA, the Soviet Union and a host of mysterious military operatives and organizations.

There are some excellent additions to the usual tasks, such as sneaking around guards to snag documents and crawling through tunnels. What's most engaging are the role-playing elements: You can take out enemy soldiers, drag their sleeping bodies back to a waiting troop transport vehicle and then recruit them to your cause.

MATT SLAGLE (AP)

Entertainment



SOUNDS LIKE LOLLAPALOOZA: The Perry Ferrell-fronted supergroup Satellite Party — featuring members of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Thievery Corporation and New Order — will release the concept album "Ultra Payloaded" on May 15.

Fellowship & the Ring

The Finnish folk-pop group Värttinä visits from Middle-earth

HOBBIT ROCK | Finland may seem like a long way away from the mystical world of Middle-earth, the land created by J.R.R. Tolkien in "The Lord of the Rings," but the country's folk music apparently sounds just like the sort of jams Frodo and Co. would shake a hairy toe to — at least the way Värttinä plays it.

The 23-year-old band, led by singers Susan Aho, Mari Kaasinen and Johanna Virtanen and bouzouki player and saxophonist Janne Lappalainen, was pegged to contribute to the soundtrack to the

stage version of "The Lord of the Rings," which debuted in Toronto last year and is slated for Broadway in 2007.

"A couple of producers from the show were looking for interesting sounds, and they were going through a big stack of world music records, and, just by chance, they came up with our 'Ilmatar' album, and they felt it would be ideal for the show," said Lappalainen by phone from Finland.

Värttinä was composing music for "Rings" as it was recording its new CD, "Miero," the group's first for Peter Gabriel's Real World label, and Tolkien's world affected the sound of the nine-piece band.

"The original idea was to make a



THE LADIES LOOK LIKE LEGOLAS: Värttinä makes the Middle-earth world sing.

kind of darker, more sinister record than the records we had done," Lappalainen said. "We had done such

happy, up-tempo music, and we wanted to do something different from that, mostly lyrically."

The band got its start and made its name by reviving Finnish folk songs, but over the past few years Värttinä has moved away from traditional music. "Miero" features 13 original songs, and while the music is still built around luminous Finno-Urgic female singing traditions, Värttinä's string instrument and accordion-based songs incorporate a wide range of influences, from jazz to rock to classical.

"The band has existed for such a long time that it needs to evolve, it needs to go forward," Lappalainen said. "We need to keep creating new things, and it feels like a very natural thing to start composing original music for the band. It makes the music more personal when you're playing your own tunes rather than singing the traditional stuff."

CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

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PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120) 440 720 940
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110) 420 735 1020
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (1230 130) 330 430 650 745 1000
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (1250) 400 715 1010
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG (1220 245) 500 730 950
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 240) 515 800 1035
BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1150) 320 655 1025
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (310 410) 630 930 1015
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1225 255) 525 755 1025
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (1155) 230
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1155) 230
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (140) 550 740 1030
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120) 700
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG (100) 710
OC & DA: DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (100) 710

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
Glebe Rd, Arlington 800-FANDANGO 377#

Adv. *Tix on Sale* THE MAGIC FLUTE: REBROADCAST (NR) ★
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (200 445) 730 1015
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG (230 455) 720 945
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG (150 420) 640 900
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG (715) 940
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (135 440) 740
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) DIG (650) 930
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (320) 700
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) DIG (155 430) 725 1000
ERAGON (PG) DIG (210 435)
THE HOLIDAY (PG-13) DIG (335) 645 955
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 450) 800
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG (355) 710 1025
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG (120 410)
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 425) 750

BOWIE STADIUM 14
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 300 530) 815 1045
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (1130 130 215 440 520) 745 815
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (115 420) 705 1000
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG (1150 215 455) 735
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG (1140 230 500) 745 1015
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 440) 720 1005
BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 100 330 445) 715 800 1030
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (1200 330) 700 1030
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1140 230 515) 800 1040
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (1005)
ERAGON (PG) DIG (1135 205 430) 700
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (1245 400) 730 1045
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (1145 220 500) 740 1015
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG (1145 220 500) 740 1015

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 430) 750 1020
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (125 420) 720 1015
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (1250 350) 700 950
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG (130 345) 650
MISS POTTER (PG) DIG (1235 320) 715 940
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (1245 400) 730 1030
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 340) 800
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (110 410) 710 955
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) DIG (930)
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 740 1025
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG (1240 405) 735 1035

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (230 455) 720 940
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (150 450) 745 1035
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (110 145 220 400 435 510) 650 725
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG (1225 250 515) 740
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (1255 350) 705 1000
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG (140 410) 645
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG (135 405) 655 920
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (210 500) 750 1030
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (425) 700 1005 1040
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (300) 640 1020
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (130 415) 715 955
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (200 430)
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (125 420) 710 1010
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 445) 755
OC & DA: DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (120) 735

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 230 520) 750 1010
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 440) 740 1040
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (1250 430) 720 1020
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG (150 420) 700 930
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (1230 330) 640 945
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG (100 345) 620 850
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG (820) 1035
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 220 510) 745
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 410) 710 950
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (310) 920
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (250) 630 1000
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (1150 110 240 540) 650 830
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) DIG (400) 940
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (730) 1025
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) DIG (245 530) 800 1030
ERAGON (PG) DIG (215 500)
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (1245 340) 615
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (1220 315) 645 935
THE HOLIDAY (PG-13) DIG (840)
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 715 1015
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG (1155 300) 610 910
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG (1240 320) 625 900
OC & DA: DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (1215) 620

ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13
Rockville Town Center 800-FANDANGO 248#

Adv. *Tix on Sale* THE MAGIC FLUTE: REBROADCAST (NR) ★
PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 240 515) 815 1030
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 245 530) 830 1045
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 700 945
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (130 415) 745 1030
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG (1215 225 435) 645
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG (815) 1040
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 300 520) 800
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 230 500) 730 1000
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (125 430) 730 1025
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 330 700 1030
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (1205 230 500) 745 1015
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) (220 440)
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 715 1005
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (345) 715 1035
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG (105)

ADV. *Tix on Sale* THE MAGIC FLUTE: REBROADCAST (NR) ★

PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 240 515) 815 1030
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 245 530) 830 1045
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 700 945
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (130 415) 745 1030
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG (1215 225 435) 645
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG (815) 1040
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 300 520) 800
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 230 500) 730 1000
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (125 430) 730 1025
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 330 700 1030
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (1205 230 500) 745 1015
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) (220 440)
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 715 1005
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (345) 715 1035
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG (105)

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG (145 410) 720 940
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 400) 740 955
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (120 400) 745 1030
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 440)
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (155 435) 725 1010
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (140 430) 710 1005
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (100 150 350 445) 645 730 945
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (135 420) 700 930
ERAGON (PG) (110 330)
BABEL (R) - ID REQ'D (630 945)

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#

Adv. *Tix on Sale* HIDDEN SECRETS (NR) ★
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (100 445) 745 1040
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (1245 400) 715 1030
PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 245 515) 800 1030
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG (1230 415) 645 930
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 410)
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (110 430) 745 1045
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG (1220 350) 645
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG (1215 245 515) 800 1030
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 400) 730 1015
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 430) 815
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (1240 410) 700 945
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) DIG (945)
ERAGON (PG) DIG (445) 800 1040
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (1210 240) 510
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 715 1020
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (815)
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG (1230)

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

Adv. *Tix on Sale* THE MAGIC FLUTE: REBROADCAST (NR) ★
PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 500) 815 1035
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 430) 745 1030
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 730 1015
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG (145 445) 700 930
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (1230 330) 700 950
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG (130 415) 645
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG (345) 950
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 715 1000
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (400) 1020
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 430) 800
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (145 445) 745 1030
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) DIG (915)
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 500)
ERAGON (PG) DIG (915)
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (115 345) 630
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (1245 330) 730 1015
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG (1230) 645
OC & DA: DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (1245) 715

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

Adv. *Tix on Sale* HIDDEN SECRETS (NR) ★
PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 325) 720 1015
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 415) 750 1005
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (105 400) 725 1010
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (1250 355) 740 1020
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG (1225 250 505) 730 950
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (1235 330) 650 945
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG (1150 220 450) 735 925
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG (130 405) 800 1030
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1140 215 500) 755 1025
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 300) 630 1000
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (1240 335) 710 955
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) DIG (915)
ERAGON (PG) DIG (350) 700 940
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (115 345) 640
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (1210 315) 645 930
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG (1255)

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ALPHA DOG (R) / 1:30, 4:40, 7:50, 10:40
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) / 1:45, 4:10, 6:55, 9:40
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55
PRIMEVAL (R) / 3:25, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) / 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 10:45
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 2:15, 4:35, 7:45, 10:10
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 3:05, 5:20, 7:40
BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) 8:45
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 3:20, 6:55, 10:35
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:25
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) 2:45, 5:25, 8:25, 10:45
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 1:10, 3:45
ERAGON (PG) 2:20, 4:45
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:20, 4:30, 7:35, 10:35
APOCALYPTO (R) 1:15, 4:15
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 3:30, 6:45, 10:15
THE HOLIDAY (PG13) 6:20, 9:35
HAPPY FEET (PG) 2:40, 5:35

AMC SELECT
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) 1:05, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:55, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:55, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45
PERFUME: THE STORY OF A MURDERER (R) 7:10, 10:20
THREE (PG13) 10:05 PM
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 1:55, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 3:15, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

ALPHA DOG (R) 5:10, 8:30
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) 4:50, 7:30
PRIMEVAL (R) 5:20, 8:45
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 1:50, 5:00, 8:45
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 8:00
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 4:30, 7:45
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:00, 4:50, 8:00
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 4:40
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 5:00, 8:15
AMC SELECT
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 1:30, 4:30, 8:15
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:40, 4:40, 8:30

AMC MAZZA GALLERY

Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 2:40, 5:20, 8:00
PRIMEVAL (R) 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:20
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 1:00, 4:25, 7:50
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 3:05, 5:30, 8:05
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 3:05, 5:30, 8:05
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:15
AMC SELECT
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:50, 5:15, 7:50

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441

ALPHA DOG (R) / 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 2:10, 5:00, 7:55, 10:30
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) / 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:20
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 3:20, 7:00, 10:25
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 3:20, 7:00, 10:25
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:20
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50
APOCALYPTO (R) 3:40, 6:50, 9:55
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 3:45, 6:55, 10:05
THE HOLIDAY (PG13) 4:30
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) 1:15, 7:35, 10:35
AMC SELECT
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:05, 2:20, 3:55, 5:10, 6:45, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:10, 10:25
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15

LOEWS LEXINGTON PARK 6

21882 FDR Boulevard
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PRIMEVAL (R) 5:00, 7:50
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 4:40, 7:20
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 5:20, 7:45
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 5:10, 7:40
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 4:50, 7:30
AMC SELECT
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 4:30, 7:10

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

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ALPHA DOG (R) / 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) / 1:35, 3:50, 6:30, 9:00
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
PRIMEVAL (R) / 12:55, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) / 1:40, 3:20, 4:20, 6:15, 7:15, 9:10, 10:00
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 2:20, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05
BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) 10:15 PM
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 1:00, 4:30, 8:00
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) 2:00, 4:25, 7:05, 9:30
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 2:05, 4:35
ERAGON (PG) 6:45, 9:25
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
APOCALYPTO (R) 1:05, 7:10
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 4:05, 10:10
THE HOLIDAY (PG13) 7:05, 10:05
HAPPY FEET (PG) 1:20, 3:55

AMC SELECT
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) / 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 9:55
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

ALPHA DOG (R) 1:10, 3:55, 6:40, 9:30
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) 2:20, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
PRIMEVAL (R) 3:00, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 3:40, 6:20, 9:00
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 12:55, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:10
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 2:35, 4:40, 6:45, 8:50
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 2:40, 6:10, 9:35
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 7:05, 9:25
ERAGON (PG) 2:05, 4:35
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 9:15 PM
THE HOLIDAY (PG13) 3:10, 6:15

AMC SELECT
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:05, 4:00, 6:55, 9:50

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

8065 Leesburg Pike
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CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 5:30, 7:50
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 3:40, 7:00
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) 5:40, 8:00
ERAGON (PG) 5:10
BORAT (R) 7:40
THE DEPARTED (R) 7:20
QUIEN MATO A LA LLAMITA BLANCA? (NR-NOT RATED) 5:20, 7:50
AMC SELECT
BABEL (R) 7:10
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) 5:00, 8:10
PERFUME: THE STORY OF A MURDERER (R) 4:00
THE QUEEN (PG13) 4:40

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FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
PRIMEVAL (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:35
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 12:00, 1:05, 3:00, 4:05, 6:05, 7:05, 9:05, 10:05
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 1:35, 3:40, 5:45, 7:50, 10:20
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 6:40, 9:45
HAPPY FEET (PG) 2:00, 4:20
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DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 3:30, 7:00
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) 5:15, 8:00
AMC SELECT
BABEL (R) 4:00, 7:30
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 4:45, 7:15
THE HISTORY BOYS (R) 4:30, 7:45

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DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

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ALPHA DOG (R) / 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) / 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:15
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00
PRIMEVAL (R) / 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:05, 10:20
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HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 1:10, 5:05, 8:40
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 12:55, 2:05, 3:20, 4:35, 5:50, 7:05, 8:20, 9:35, 10:45
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 12:50, 3:05, 5:25
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 1:25, 4:30, 7:35, 10:40
THE HOLIDAY (PG13) 7:45, 10:40
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) 1:05, 4:15, 7:20, 10:30
AMC SELECT
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:50, 4:55, 7:50, 10:25
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 1:35, 4:05, 7:00, 9:30
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35

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FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 4:35, 7:40
PRIMEVAL (R) / 5:20, 7:20
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) / 4:50, 8:00
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 5:45, 8:10
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 5:40, 8:10
BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) 7:00
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 5:10, 8:00
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 4:45
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 4:45, 7:45
HAPPY FEET (PG) 4:50, 7:40
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CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) / 4:40, 7:50
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 4:30, 7:40

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

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ALPHA DOG (R) / 4:00, 6:45, 9:30
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30
PRIMEVAL (R) / 5:40, 7:50, 10:20
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
AMC SELECT
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 5:10, 7:20, 9:25

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VOLVER (R) 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:00
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
THE PAINTED VEIL (PG13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
PERFUME: THE STORY OF A MURDERER (R) 1:50
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 1:50, 4:10, 7:30, 9:30
THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:30, 3:50, 7:00, 9:10
LITTLE CHILDREN (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

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AMC SELECT
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LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

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FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 2:45, 6:25
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:10
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:20
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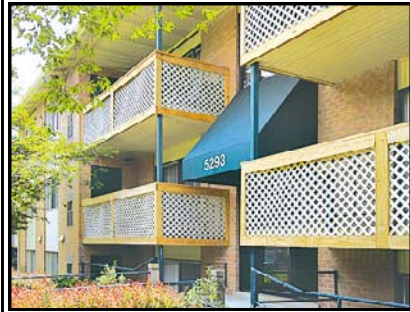
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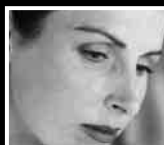
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Recycling

Artist's materials come from the tallest mountain on Earth

Thousands of adventurers have been drawn to Mount Everest by the challenge of climbing to the top of the world. Jeff Clapp was drawn by the trash they leave behind.

Inspired by a documentary about Everest's rubbish, Clapp traveled to Nepal and brought a load of discarded oxygen bottles back in 2004.

He has created a business of transforming those banged-up, aluminum containers into gleaming bells, bowls and ornaments with a goal of inspiring people to do more to clean up the environment in their own small ways, just as he has. What began as a "mad-cap idea" is now called Bells from Everest. Clapp has sold 35 bells and bowls so far.

The trashing of Everest began even before Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay first scaled the world's tallest mountain in 1953. Hillary acknowledged leaving behind oxygen bottles, food containers and torn tents.

Like Hillary, virtually all hikers

“[Customers] see the added value of purchasing a gift item that has social responsibility.”

JEFF CLAPP, ARTIST

rely on oxygen because the air at Everest's summit has only one-third of the oxygen found at sea level. Over the years, hundreds of bottles piled up along with discarded climbing gear and other trash.

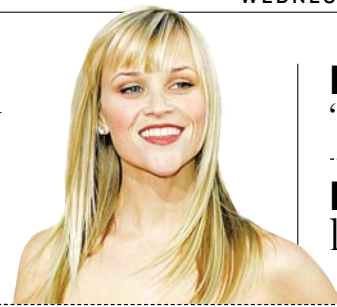
Efforts to clean up the 29,035-foot mountain include a successful bounty program for oxygen bottles left behind. The Nepalese government now requires expeditions to pay deposits that are forfeited if rubbish is left behind.

Clapp, an artist, chef and concerned father, was inspired to go to Nepal by a National Geographic documentary about trash on Everest, which some called "the world's highest junkyard." He obtained 132 cylinders from the Nepal Mountaineering Association for \$7,000. It cost nearly that much to ship them back to Maine.

Back at home in Brunswick, he

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PAT WELLENBACH/AP

FROM ON HIGH: Ornaments made from oxygen tanks used to climb Mount Everest.

are put in glass balls to become \$15 Christmas ornaments that Clapp originally created as gifts for family members. They're sold at several locations, including the gift shop at Walt Disney World's Expedition Everest roller coaster, he said.

Clapp, 48, said buyers like getting a unique piece of artwork and knowing that they're helping the environment at the same time. "They see the added value of purchasing a gift item that has social responsibility," he said.

When his supply of oxygen cylinders runs out, Clapp doesn't plan to retrieve any more of them. By the time he uses them up in a few years, he'd like to return to Nepal to show locals how to create the bells

Trash Into Treasure

works on the canisters in a basement workshop where the floor is littered with piles of aluminum shavings.

The hardest part, he said, is stripping away the yellow fiberglass shell to expose the darkened, oxidized aluminum under-

neath. He then uses hand tools to shape the bottles as they spin on a wood-turning lathe.

Eventually, they're buffed to a shiny silver color. Prices range from \$1,600 to \$3,000 for bells, and \$500 to \$1,500 for the bowls.

Little goes to waste. The shavings

to make money for themselves.

"My ultimate goal of returning this project to Nepal is very exciting to me," he said. "When I first visualized creating this artwork, I was driven with the concept that it would be a benefit to others, specifically in Nepal." DAVID SHARP (AP)



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Cyberspace opens outer space for some amateur astronomers

Amateur astronomer William Bianco doesn't huddle over a backyard telescope to hunt for undiscovered planets. He logs onto his computer.

Bianco, who was mesmerized by the intricacies of the universe as a young boy, is part of a growing online community that sifts through mountains of data collected by professional scientists in search of other worlds. While Bianco has yet to make a landmark discovery, he savors the rush of teetering on the cutting edge of research.

Never before have amateur astronomers had so much unfettered access to celestial data once available only to scientists with huge telescopes. In the latest frontier of astronomy, professionals are increasingly enlisting the aid

“It's stunning how good they are. I think they're better at this than we are.”

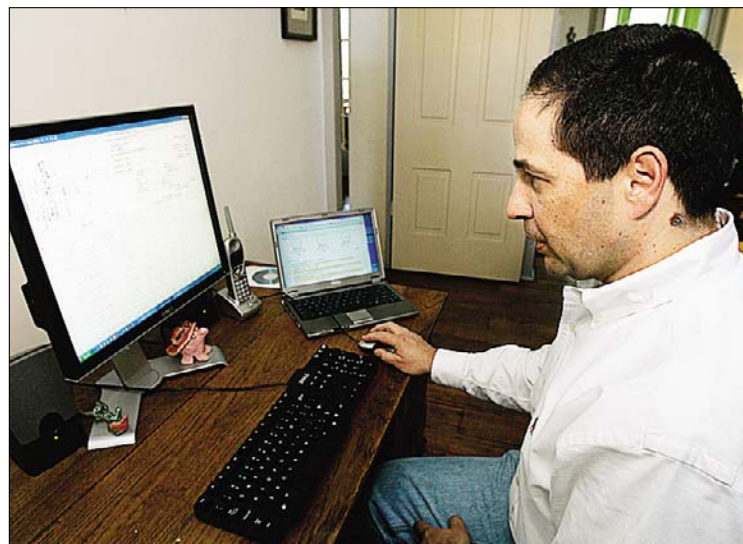
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of novices with personal computers to help pore through images and data — all in pursuit of the next great breakthrough.

“We're in the golden age of astronomy,” said Bianco, who keeps his day job as a political science professor at Indiana University.

Thanks to technology, novices are effectively turning from lonely skywatchers to research assistants. Even before the rise of virtual astronomy, amateurs did everything from tracking asteroids to detecting supernova explosions to eyeing new comets.

In 1995, neophyte stargazer Thomas Bopp gained fame for co-



Amateur astronomer William Bianco examines data on his home computer.

discovering what would be known as Comet Hale-Bopp. Two years ago, in what was billed as the first such find by an amateur in 65 years, Jay McNeil of Kentucky took a picture of a new nebula — an illuminated cloud of gas and dust lit by what is believed to be a newborn star.

Since the late 1990s, virtual astronomy has boomed. One of the earliest online citizen scientist proj-

ects was SETI@home, which distributed software that created a virtual supercomputer by harnessing idle, Web-connected PCs to search for alien radio transmissions.

While the SETI project hums in the background as a screen saver, the newer efforts require more human thought.

Bianco belongs to an Internet project called Systemic, which

boasts 750 amateur planet hunters. Astronomers have already discovered more than 200 planets in far-off solar systems using traditional methods, yet there are likely more out there.

Before Internet-based astronomy, it took a long time for novices to report their discoveries. High-speed, always-on Internet access has blurred the line between the professionals and amateurs, said Terry Mann, president of the Astronomical League, made up of more than 240 U.S. amateur astronomy clubs.

Last year, Mann signed up to analyze a repository of online images of the first-ever microscopic grains of star dust brought back to Earth by a NASA spacecraft.

The work is painstaking. Mann and her fellow 25,000 volunteers eye hundreds of thousands of digital images in search of minuscule carrot-shaped trails left by the capture of star dust, believed to be the leftovers from stellar explosions.

Mann has submitted 40 possible examples of star dust in the images. If correct, amateurs can get their names published in scientific papers written by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, which manages the Stardust@home project.

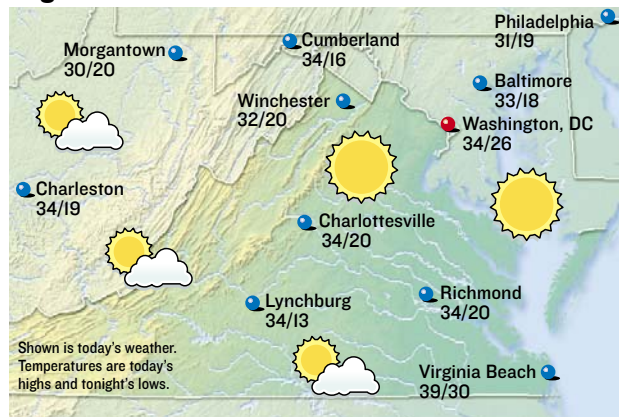
“Amateurs can do real science. We can actually help,” Mann said.

ALICIA CHANG (AP)

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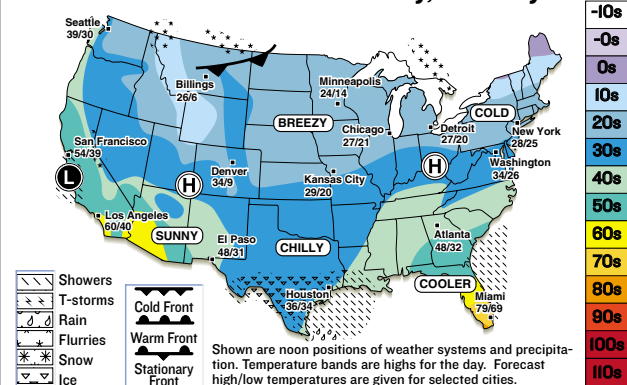
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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:25 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:12 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:30 a.m.
Moonset today	3:27 p.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, January 17



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	48/32/pc	44/35/r
Boston	20/14/s	34/30/s
Chicago	27/21/s	35/22/sf
Dallas	38/29/c	41/31/r
Denver	34/9/s	28/7/c
Honolulu	81/69/s	81/67/s
Los Angeles	60/40/pc	64/42/s
Miami	79/69/s	81/66/c
New York City	28/25/s	34/34/s
Orlando	67/55/pc	76/54/c
Seattle	39/30/pc	41/33/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	50/45/r	52/46/r
Athens	62/52/s	61/46/c
Berlin	46/36/c	50/41/r
Buenos Aires	90/68/s	91/72/s
Calgary	24/4/sn	21/14/c
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Styles

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DANGEROUS CURVES AHEAD: America Ferrera, Kate Winslet and Beyoncé flaunt their assets at Monday's Golden Globes.

Golden Gala

Casual elegance was the style of choice at the Golden Globes

The Golden Globes lived up to its reputation as the most relaxed of the major awards shows as Hollywood's leading ladies from both the movie and TV worlds chose flowing gowns, tousled hair and funky dangling earrings.

The red carpet-turned-runway at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Monday night was largely a sea of white with the glitz coming more from a smattering of metallic dresses and embellishment instead of blinding diamond necklaces.

Among the stars who wore white to the black-tie event were Jennifer Garner in a beaded V-neck dress, Heidi Klum in a strapless gown and Kyra Sedgwick in a chiffon gown with amethyst crystal

trim by J. Mendel that she picked straight from the catwalk. Salma Hayek was in a draped short-sleeve gown with an open portrait neckline; Ellen Pompeo wore a Versace high-neck gown with an open back and silver trim; and Kate Winslet was dressed in a strapless white Azzaro gown.

"It was amazing because of the beautiful white dress and Kate's white, milky skin," said Pati Dubroff, Dior Beauty's makeup artist who worked with Winslet. Dubroff said she imagined a 1930s screen siren in a black-and-white photograph. It's what led her to choose a plum-blackberry lipstick and platinum eye shadow.

Cate Blanchett wore a black off-the-shoulder gown by Alexander McQueen with lace sleeves, a delicate jeweled belt and an asymmetrical hem.

Blanchett made *W* magazine



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Fashion Market Director Tree-na Lombardo's favorites list. She also liked Reese Witherspoon's canary yellow strapless cocktail dress by Nina Ricci, Drew Barrymore's blush-colored gown by John Galliano for Christian Dior and Angelina Jolie's smoky gray strapless gown by St. John, a label she models for.

Donna Karan custom-designed Helen Mirren's dark blue jersey gown with antique silver sequined tulle, and Meryl Streep chose a blush seersucker chiffon gown by Carolina Herrera.

America Ferrera, star of the TV series "Ugly Betty," proved she could be glamorous in a draped gown by Brian Reyes in a deep indigo color. She told *E!* she liked it because it

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PATI DUBROFF, MAKEUP ARTIST

was "young and easy."

Julia Louis-Dreyfus chose a cocktail-length gold lame dress by Carolina Herrera with a corset-style bust with coin-like beading. "I'm totally freezing, but it's worth it," said Louis-Dreyfus.

She wasn't the only star feeling the chill of the unusually low 60-degree temperature: Sienna Miller was shivering in her white Marchesa cowl-neck and cowl-back gown.

Jennifer Lopez also wore Marchesa. Hers was a scarf-style, one-shoulder black gown. "My husband loved it. That's usually the deciding factor," she said.

Brightly colored dresses, including Renee Zellweger's emerald green strapless gown, Jada Pinkett Smith's pleated tangerine Armani Prive gown, Rachel Weisz's red strapless Bill Blass gown and Eva Longoria's navy gown by Emanuel Ungaro, were rare — and therefore really stood out.

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Food



Bypass Not Included

Fast food usually doesn't fall in this page's usual domain, but sometimes something comes along that we just have to write about. Such is the case with the new **MONSTER BISCUIT** from Hardee's (\$2.49), which is so big that just looking at the picture made us fatter. Breakfastzilla has three-and-a-half strips of bacon, a sausage patty, four slices of shaved ham, an egg and two slices of cheese, all balanced precariously on a biscuit. What does it have to do with fashion? Well, eat enough of these and you can kiss designer duds goodbye: You'll be shopping solely at Muumuu's R Us. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty



A Real Fresh Pepper

The best way we can describe the new **BLACK PEPPER EAU DE TOILETTE** by Molton Brown (\$45, moltonbrown.com, available beginning Jan. 25) is that it smells like Old Spice, but doesn't suck. It's reminiscent of older scents, but has a hipper, more modern hit that keeps it ironically retro. It's spicy and light, but has a deep, musky undertone and a sniff of sweetness. And, while the fragrance is for men, it also works as a unisex scent for a woman looking for something unique. K.P.K.

File
UNDER
Fad

from readexpress.com

Introducing 'Bauer by Hour'

'24' | On Tuesday, Express' Matt Swenson, an admitted "24" addict, kicked off his weekly roundup of Fox's hit series, starring Kiefer Sutherland as Jack Bauer, recapping the special combined four-hour kickoff on Sunday and Monday.



Sutherland

To get you up to speed if you're tracking Jack: "Here's what your morning may have in common with Jack Bauer's: He's shaved. After offing that heinous beard built up from 20 months in a Chinese prison, Jack has: 1) Saved a known terrorist; 2) Uncovered the true bad guy

behind three months of bombings; 3) Escaped death at least twice and killed former partner/friend Curtis Manning.

Not bad for four hours of work, but pretty standard according to what can get accomplished in a '24' lunch hour. And this is a weakened Jack, who 'doesn't know if [he] can do this' — 'this' being torture suspects to save the world — anymore. He might have a point. Usually it takes at least 12 hours for a nuke to go off on '24.' It only took four this year; and four more warheads are out there in what appears to be the driving force behind another thrilling day."

Get your regular fix of Bauer by Hour at READEXPRESS.COM every



POPULISM: On "American Idol," every contestant gets 15 seconds of fame.

Tuesday.

Domestic Affairs Reign?

COMMENTS | A 62 percent majority of votes on Tuesday's Poll Center question, "Will the planned Mideast summit revive peace talks?"

did not think the United States' proposed summit with Israeli and Palestinian officials would bear much fruit.

Commenter Darth Bane was a bit more hopeful than most: "I think this is a good first step, but it's too early to automatically assume that peace talks would resume."

Said commenter Common Sense: "It amazes me how we can be so very concerned about foreign countries being at peace when the U.S. is in such turmoil. I mean really, how can you tell others to play nice and fair if everything in your own country is yet another reason to divide the country? At least, Middle Eastern countries can agree on who the enemy is."

→ Coming Up Today

Attention, "American Idol" watchers: Sit back and join Express' very own Arion Berger and her armchair analysis of the new season.

Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Is the U.S. ready for a black president?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Will the planned Mideast summit revive peace talks?

NO **YES**

62% 38%

As of 5 p.m. Tuesday. Not a scientific poll.

GIVE YOUR OPINION ON TODAY'S POLL QUESTION AND GET A STATION-BY-STATION BREAKDOWN OF HOW YOUR FELLOW METRO RAIL COMMUTERS VOTED AT READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP



"So it was a typical Condi weekend, but with working! Yay! And the best part? She's traveling for three more days."

SPARKLEPONY.BLOGSPOT.COM, WHICH TRACKS AND PROVIDES COMMENTARY ON PHOTO OPS WITH CONDOLEEZA RICE, HAD PLENTY OF MATERIAL TO WORK WITH FROM THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE'S LATEST TRAVELS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH CONTINUE THIS WEEK.

Awaiting Webb

"...I go out of my way not to listen to Bush. I violated that rule and found myself yelling at the TV during '60 Minutes' this Sunday. I suppose that I now must listen to the [State of the Union] just to compare and contrast to Sen. Webb's response."

A **RAISINGKATIE.COM** COMMENTER IS EXCITED THAT SEN. JIM WEBB WILL DELIVER THE DEMOCRATIC RESPONSE NEXT WEEK.

Radio Free America?

"Radio stations would have to hire lawyers to defend their shows, cutting into profits and the Left wins by making the process too aggravating."

REDSTATE.COM SLAMS TALK OF REINSTATING THE "FAIRNESS DOCTRINE" ON AM RADIO, WHICH SOME FEAR WOULD LIMIT CONSERVATIVE RADIO SHOW FREEDOMS.



GETTY IMAGES

A Rude Encounter

"I mention that Holy Cross was, in my opinion, the second-most beautiful campus I had ever visited. She thanked me for the compliment and asked me where I went. I told her I went to [American University]. She responded with a flurry of obscenities revolving around how AU was for dunces and imbecile."

WHYIHATEDC.BLOGSPOT.COM RETELLS A WEEKEND STORY OUT IN GEORGETOWN.

Keep Tara Reid Away From Barbaro

"Perhaps judging from the recent years of her career, the owners should have known she's not the best good-luck charm. Hey, 2007 could totally be her year. Or something."

POPSUGAR.COM ON TWO AUSTRALIAN HORSE OWNERS PAYING FORMER "PARADISE" STAR TARA REID \$100,000 TO PROMOTE THEIR HORSE, WHICH CAME IN EIGHTH AT A RECENT RACE.



Live Online

Skin Sense

Dermatologist **DR. RACHEL HERSCH-ENFELD** was online Tuesday to discuss skin care, which she writes about in her monthly column, "Skin Sense," as seen on washingtonpost.com.

My skin is covered in blackheads throughout my nose, chin and forehead. I have been using Murad products that include salicylic and glycolic acids and retinol for more than six months, and while there's been some improvement, it's far from ideal. What other options do I have?

Salicylic acid and glycolic acid will help blackheads, but you should also try something in the Retin-A family. These medications are truly the most effective ones for blackheads, or comedones, as they are officially known. Also, a gentle extraction by your dermatologist or a well-trained aesthetician can be very helpful.

I am 34 and nine weeks' pregnant. I am looking for a new skin care routine that will be easy to follow and safe during pregnancy. I have com-

bination skin — still break out occasionally in my chin area but it's dry and I'm getting lines elsewhere.

I always recommend that people minimize their regimens during pregnancy. Choose a gentle cleanser (like Cetaphil or Cerave) and use sunscreen. If you feel the need to exfoliate, try a gentle glycolic acid cleanse such as AquaGlycolic.

I'm African-American and have acne scars. How effective and costly would a laser treatment be to reduce acne scarring?

Acne scarring is a difficult problem, but you do have options. The ideal treatment depends on the type of scar, but, in general, lasers will help to smooth out scarring but not get rid of it completely. Usually, a series of treatments (from three to six) is necessary, and each treatment may cost \$300 to \$500.

I get a horrible windburn on my face when golfing in the winter. Is there anything that can prevent it?

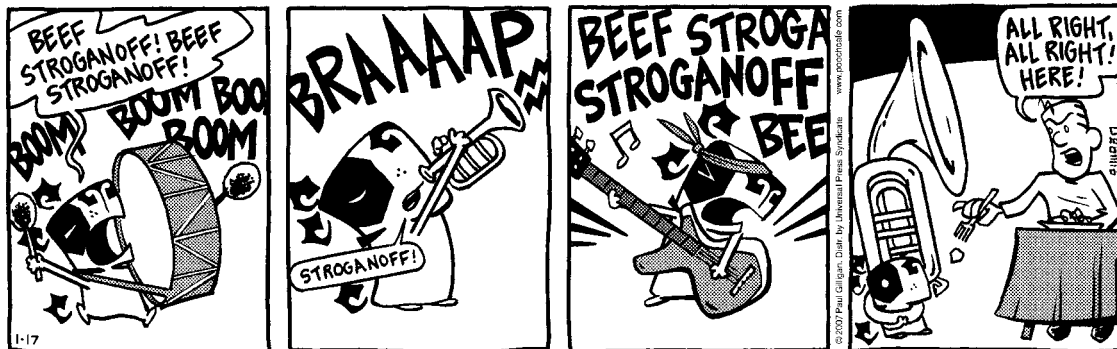
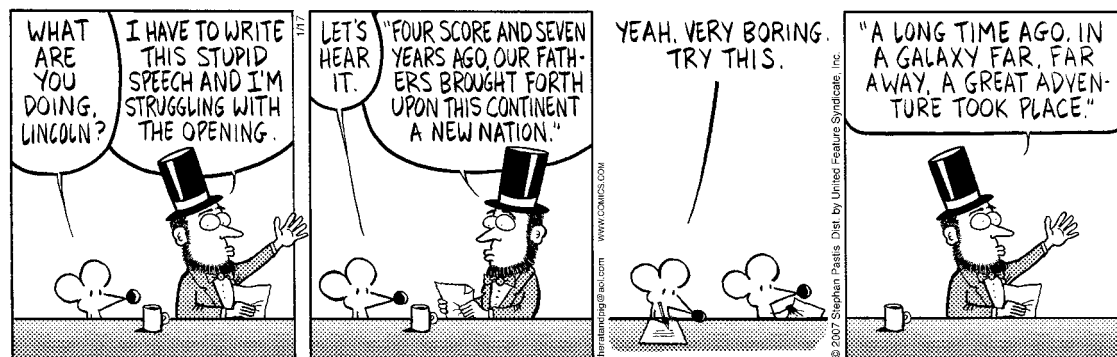
Exposure to wind and to sun can produce additive damage to the skin, so I would recommend using a good moisturizer with sunscreen in it even in the winter.

DO

RUN! After all, you've only got two seconds before the time-delay on the camera makes it take a picture, if you follow the example of Running From Camera (runningfromcamera.blogspot.com). The idea: Set up a camera, give a two-second delay and run. Then, post said pictures on blog. Art is better when it wastes time.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Post Reliable Source columnists Amy Argetsinger and Roxanne Roberts dish on area gossip at noon. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"Don't chew them. They're supposed to hatch in your intestines."

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll be feeling your oats, and will have to find a more productive outlet for your creative energy than those you've recently tried.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) There's no reason for you to think you're an expert on any given subject, but your instincts may allow you to perform well above par.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You and a friend or loved one may be at cross-purposes before the day is out. This is a case that may require you to agree to disagree.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Now is no time to push an issue that others wish to overlook. Rocking the boat could prove more hazardous to you than you might think.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take care you don't become argumentative, especially when hashing out an issue with family members. Try to be a calming influence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll find yourself in a position of authority, and

how you react to a sudden increase in pressure can surely impress those in charge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may feel as though you're not getting the respect you deserve at this time. Don't wait to talk about this; get it out in the open now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're going to have to take a few extra precautions whenever you venture out of the home — or any other comfortable, familiar surroundings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's a good day to let your feelings for someone be known, even if it's someone who already knows how you feel. "I love you" never gets old.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll find yourself in something of a tizzy over a missing article that, until it was lost, didn't mean particularly much to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Choices may be few and far between early in the day, but later on you may feel as though you have more options available to you than ever before.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may have a tough time convincing someone from your past that you no longer wish to be involved with him or her in any way. State a clear case.

Letters

MLK Articles Omitted Group

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that both Express' print and online articles did not mention City Year Washington, DC, the nonprofit organization associated with AmeriCorps that hosted the MLK Day Service Project at Cardo-

zo High School Monday. City Year Washington, DC has been hosting service projects, including its signature event on MLK Day, every year since the organization came to D.C. in 2000. At least CYDC's deputy director was featured in the picture wearing her City Year quarter-zip shirt.

—LYNELLE HERNDON
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1893 Hawaii's monarchy is overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forces Queen Liliuokalani to abdicate.

1917 The United States pays Denmark \$25 million for the Virgin Islands.

1945 Soviet and Polish forces liberate Warsaw during World War II.

1945 Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, dis-



Huge cracks close the Port of Kobe in Japan after a 7.2-magnitude earthquake.

appears in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

1995 More than 6,000 people are killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastates Kobe, Japan.



Awww. Barron has Daddy's comb-over.

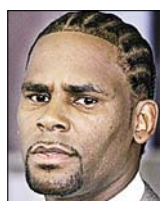
PRODUCTS

Trump Baby™ Grows Into Soulless, Cutthroat Tycoon

DONALD TRUMP's star was unveiled Tuesday on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He called "The Apprentice" an "absolutely amazing experience." Trump's baby son, Barron, almost stole the show as his father held him at the podium. "He's strong, he's smart, he's tough, he's vicious, he's violent," said Trump. (AP)

INJUSTICE

U.S. Law Discriminates Against Grammy Winners!



R. KELLY has dropped a lawsuit claiming Olympia Fields, Ill., improperly denied him the right to build a guardhouse outside his mansion. The suit argued that he should be granted an exception to village code because he's "a nationally known, Grammy Award-winning recording artist." (AP)



SHE WAS ROBBED

Angelina Can't Win Everything

Nick Lachey and **EVA MENDES** have been named Fun Fearless Male and Female of the Year by Cosmopolitan magazine. The stars both grace the cover of the magazine's February issue. "I took a risk with acting. ... You just always have to take risks," she said. "I always go with my gut, and it's always right. People are scared to do that." Lachey, 33, had a 2006 hit album, "What's Left of Me," for which he used his broken marriage with Jessica Simpson as inspiration. (AP)

HEIRS

Brown Bequeaths Decades of Infighting

JAMES BROWN's will, which was read last week and excludes his partner, Tomi Rae Hynie, and their 5-year-old son, was drawn up 10 months before the child's birth and more than a year before their marriage, a news-



"I, James Brown, leave you lots of lawyer fees."

paper reported Tuesday. The will was signed Aug. 1, 2000, Brown's probate attorney told the Augusta Chronicle. The will calls for Brown's personal effects to be divided equally among the singer's six adult children. (AP)



Daniel Smith, 20, died mysteriously at his mother's bedside in the hospital.

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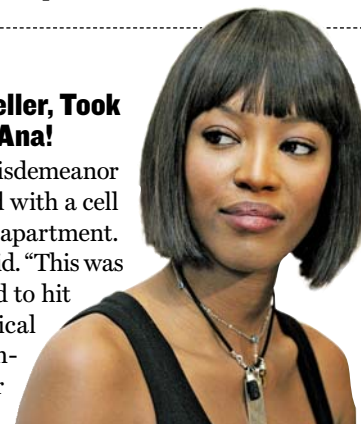
Inquest Into Smith Death

A formal inquiry into the death of **ANNA NICOLE SMITH's** son, **DANIEL**, has been scheduled for March 27 in the Bahamas. Smith, who gave birth to a daughter three days before Daniel Smith mysteriously died on Sept. 10, will be among the witnesses required to testify before the jury inquest. (AP)

WHOPPERS

'Then, the Phone Grew a Propeller, Took Flight and Viciously Attacked Ana!

NAOMI CAMPBELL pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault Tuesday for hitting her maid with a cell phone. "I threw a cell phone in the apartment. The cell phone hit Ana," Campbell said. "This was an accident because I did not intend to hit her." She must pay her maid's medical expenses of \$363, do five days of community service and attend an anger management program. (AP)



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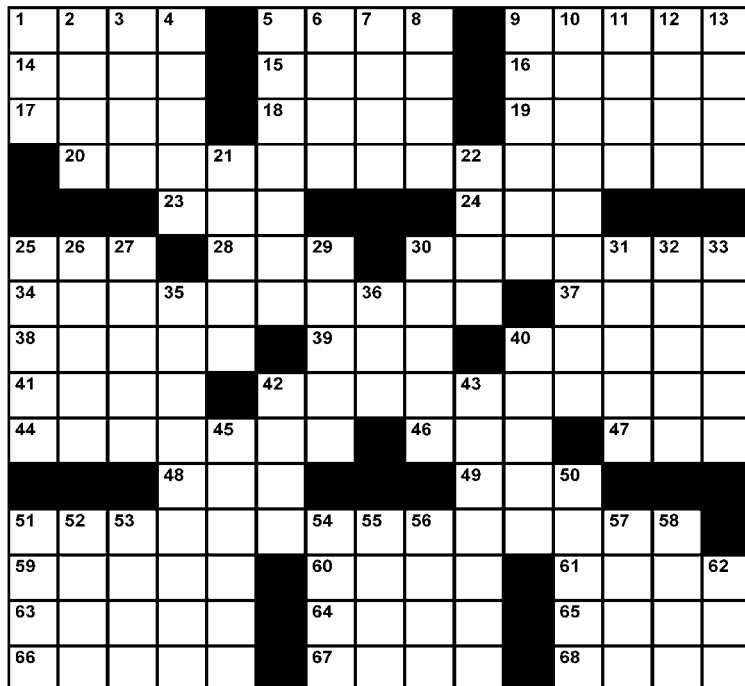
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9 Discombobulate
14 Manor near Twelve Oaks
15 Pennsylvania harbor city
16 Run at the mouth
17 Arabian Sea gulf
18 Elemental particle
19 Inner layer of the skin
20 Influential person
23 "That feels g-o-o-o-d!"
24 Some conjunctions
25 "___ won't be afraid" (lyric in "Stand by Me")
28 Area or throw, e.g.
30 Concurs
34 Anglo-Saxon
37 Flue substance
38 Ignorance, so they say
39 Follow your gut instinct?
40 Be superior to
41 Some Indochinese
42 High school event
44 Palatial residences
46 Genetics abbr.

- 47 Psychic ability
48 Longbow wood
49 A carbon compound suffix
51 Coleridge character
59 Pet restraint
60 "Three cheers" recipient
61 Affirm as true
63 Photo finish
64 Genesis hunter
65 Relinquish
66 Took part in a rebellion
67 Pin cushions?
68 Trampled

DOWN

- 1 From ___ Z
2 Unvaried
3 Salty sea of Asia
4 Bamboo-eating creature
5 Tight embrace
6 "Fine" follower
7 Very funny fellow
8 Sanctuary
9 Common vipers
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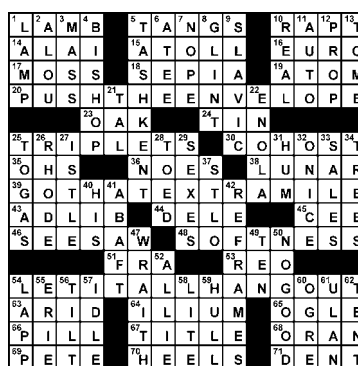
"savant" or "box"

- 29 States of merriment
30 Up and around
31 Dame's introduction?
32 Disturbances
33 Crush grapes, in a way
35 Bacon and others
36 It may be connected to Christ?
40 Certain Algerian
42 No longer bursting at the

seams?

- 43 Burdensome
45 Giggles sounds
50 Make into a statute, e.g.
51 "Summer and Smoke" heroine
52 Approach
53 "Lydia" poet
54 Unnamed ones
55 Raised flatland
56 "I smell ___!"
57 "... lived happily ___ after"
58 Overhaul
62 Kind of tag or tape

Yesterday's Solution



Su|do|ku

Degree of Difficulty: MEDIUM

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution

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The National Gallery of Art's special exhibition, "The Artist's Vision: Romantic Traditions in Britain," features Dante Gabriel Rossetti's chalk drawing, "Desdemona's Death Song" (through March 18). More info: www.nga.gov.

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The Folger Shakespeare Library presents a unique interpretation of "King Lear," co-produced by the Classical Theatre of Harlem (through Feb. 18). More info: www.folger.edu.

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The Kennedy Center presents ballet performances of Shakespeare classics, including Kirov Ballet's "Romeo and Juliet" (Jan. 16-21) and New York City Ballet's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Feb. 28 - Mar. 4). More info: www.kennedy-center.org.

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Metro Begins Navy Yard Station Expansion and Enhancement

With construction underway of the new Nationals ballpark stadium in Southeast Washington, Metro has begun work to expand the nearby Navy Yard Metrorail station. The west entrance of the station will be closed through April 2008 to allow for a number of improvements to increase the station's capacity.

Some of the station enhancements will include increasing the number of fare gates and fare card machines, relocating the west entrance to the street level, installing a new elevator from the street level to the mezzanine and installing a stairway between the mezzanine and platform.

Throughout construction, customers will continue to be able to access the station via the east entrance (on the northwest corner of M Street and New Jersey Avenue SE). For more information about this project, visit MetroOpensDoors.com.

Flexcar and Zipcar Expand Car Sharing Service at Metrorail Stations

Metro has signed a new contract with Flexcar and Zipcar enabling the two car sharing companies to continue providing service at Metrorail stations in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Under the terms of the agreement, Flexcar and Zipcar will roll out a total of 89 vehicles available at 34 Metro Kiss & Ride lots. For more information, contact Flexcar at 202-296-1FLX or www.flexcar.com, and Zipcar at 202-737-4900 or www.zipcar.com.

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A Helping Handshake

FELLOW GRADS BOOST JOB CHANCES AND MORALE

Ned Rice paid thousands for his college education at the College of William Mary. But once he had sheepskin in hand, he decided to work pro bono to break into the field of his dreams.

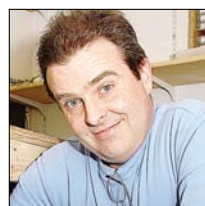
"I'd decided by my senior year of college that I really wanted to work in baseball," said the 24-year-old from Arlington. Rice's degree is in government, but baseball is his passion. "It's a hard industry to break into, even if you have a college degree and will

work for free," he said. So he told everyone he knew about his dream, and finally hit a home run.

"My first real break came from a very unlikely source," he said. One of Rice's friends from school contacted a W&M alum who had interned with the Baltimore Orioles. The two graduates gabbed on the phone.

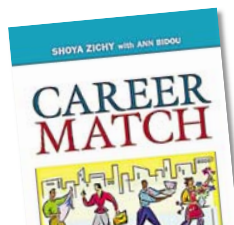
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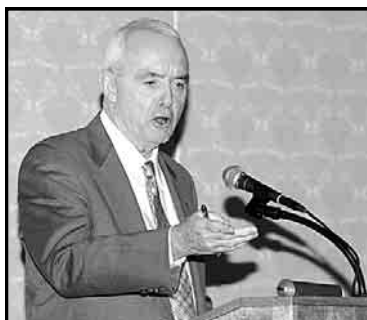
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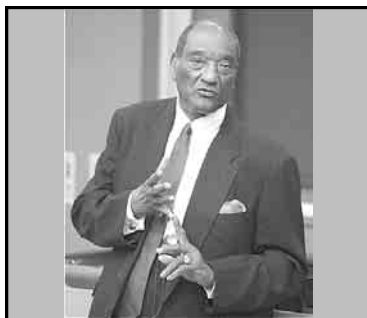
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Howard University alumni network at an event. The school's mentoring program pairs recent grads with experienced ones.

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"He spoke with me for over an hour, telling me all about his internship, how he got it, what the interview was like, and giving me tips," said Rice. "Using his name and his contact information, I was able to get an interview, and got hired for a fall 2005 internship in public relations with the Orioles."

According to college recruiter.com, a Web site offering career information, job listings and

employment information, more than 80 percent of job seekers get a new gig through personal networking rather than by answering classified ads. But how do you start to network with graduates from your alma mater?

"The single most important thing you can do is maintain current contact information with the alumni office," said Chris Clark-Talley, associate vice president for alumni affairs at George Mason University. "Most alumni offices

have so much to offer recent graduates. But if we can't find them, we can't let them know what resources are available."

Talley said using the Internet is also key. "The best source of information is an alumni Web site. That virtual office is the best place to find out what the alumni organization has to offer."

Offline, keep expectations in check. A single alumni contact can only give you so much help.

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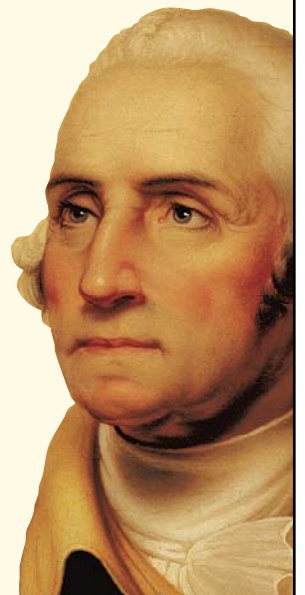
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"Be respectful of how much [an alum] can do for you and what they can offer," said Talley. "If they can have a cup of coffee and tell you how they got where they are, that's great. To think they're going to open up their portfolio of job opportunities and see what's right for you is unrealistic."

And don't wait for the phone to ring. "You may need to make [several] phone calls or send more than one e-mail," said Talley. "And don't be disappointed if your efforts don't yield a job right off that bat. You're still gaining important contacts and job information."

Howard University started its Alumni-to-Alumni Mentoring Program this fall. Ten "senior" alumni (that means they're at least five years out of school and have solid career experience) currently mentor roughly the same number of "junior" alums, aka recent grads.

"Just because you have a degree doesn't mean you have the tools to be successful," said Valerie Maholmes, vice president of the Howard University Alumni Club of Washington, D.C. "It's who you know and who knows you."

Maholmes said mentoring



AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Alumni offices are the mother of all resources for post-graduation job information and leads.

lasts long after graduates make the transition from backpacks to paychecks. "Once you get a job, you still need a mentor," she said. "We wanted alumni to have someone to talk to about the ins and outs of a job [and] the various stages of the career ladder so they can be successful and accomplish their goals."

But sometimes you know the right people even before you graduate. Herndon resident Gloria Neeld graduated from the main campus of Marymount University in Arlington in December 2005. One of her adjunct professors also worked for the state's attorney office for Prince George County. The instructor mentored Neeld, filling her in about the field of victim's services in domestic violence.

"It was one of my favorite classes, and it increased my interest in that field," the 24-year-old Neeld said. That interest inspired her to work with the coordinator of forensic psychological experiences at Marymount, who, in turn, gave Neeld a heads-up when the coordinator's own position became available.

Neeld now has the opportunity to help her fellow alumni. Her

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Smart Networking Pays Off

As with most things worth doing, there are a few guidelines to follow when rubbing elbows with fellow grads of State College or Ivy University for a job. Here, experts offer insights:

Know your stuff.

"Keep up with current events in the field, newspaper, professional organizations; be aware of what's going on in their field," said Karen Bune, an adjunct professor at Marymount and George Mason universities. "If you go into an informational interview and you don't know anything about the subject matter, it's not impressive to the person you're talking to."

position requires that she communicate with local law enforcement agencies and other criminal justice entities regarding available jobs and internships. Neeld passes that information on to other Marymount graduates.

"If someone stays in touch with me, they become aware of positions they wouldn't have known about otherwise." Neeld's job may also present future career opportunities for her. "I've learned this through my position: There are jobs and internships available that I find out about that I might not have ever thought of," she said.

Karen Bune, a professor of Neeld's at Marymount, assisted her with her career interests. As a graduate with two degrees from American University, Bune worked at the school's career center and made plenty of her own contacts.

Bune networked intensely to find her own job. "I reached out to people at the university and in my field," she said. "The more people you know and the more who know you and your competency ... it gives you a much greater advantage in a very competitive market."

Bune's in a position to help her students find job opportunities and said it's never too early to start schmoozing with people in

Start small.

"Be as broad [and] well-rounded as possible," Bune said. "Volunteer in the area you want to go into. Be willing to work for free. That gives you a feel for whether you want to go into that [and gives the] employer an opportunity to see whether you fit into the organization." This saves you — and your employer — the time and expense of interviewing, and you might just find your dream job would have been a nightmare.

Give back.

"Be willing to be a mentor yourself," said Valerie Maholmes, vice president of the Howard University Alumni Club of Washington, D.C. She said it's never too late to become a resource for those just matriculating. "Wherever you find yourself, be willing to go back and help your undergraduate peers navigate and negotiate the system." L.T.

your alumni office. "If someone impresses me with their knowledge, I can keep it in mind for future openings," she said.

Networking doesn't only apply to recent college grads. Talley said even career veterans can benefit from a bit of hobnobbing with other grads of their alma maters. Don't think the magic happens only in career centers or at job fairs. Maholmes said informal networking, like social hours and other alumni functions hosted by the school, is often where the best contacts are made.

"If you have a particular interest in a field, attend a function where others with that same interest are likely to be. You'll meet people who share your passion, and that can open doors," she said.

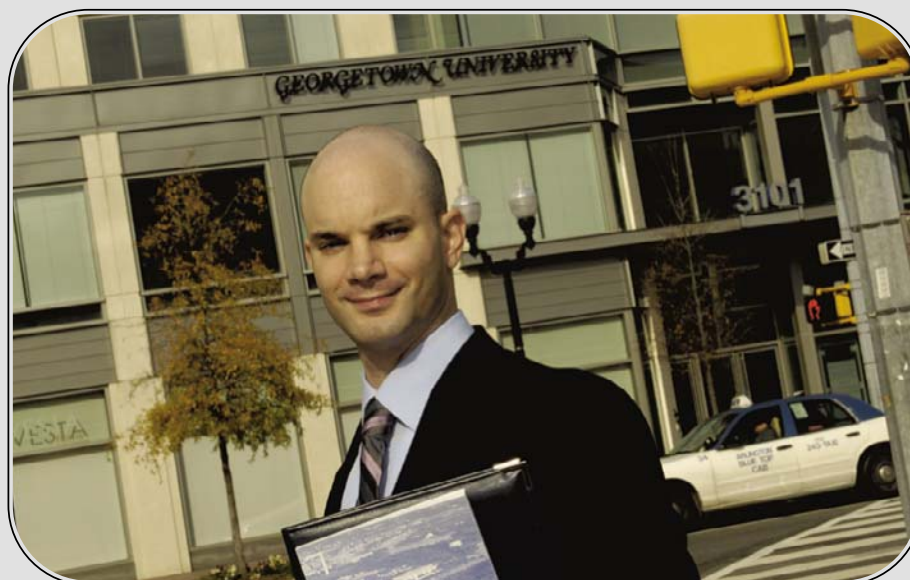
The doors have opened wide for Rice. He's barely bringing in minimum wage and his future is still very uncertain, but he says he's thrilled with his situation — and chalks it all up to networking.

"I got my foot in the door and am doing work I love, all because a friend of a friend of a friend was willing to help me out," he said. "How far people who barely knew me were willing to go to help me in my job search blew me away. It made me love my college community even more." LYNN THORNE



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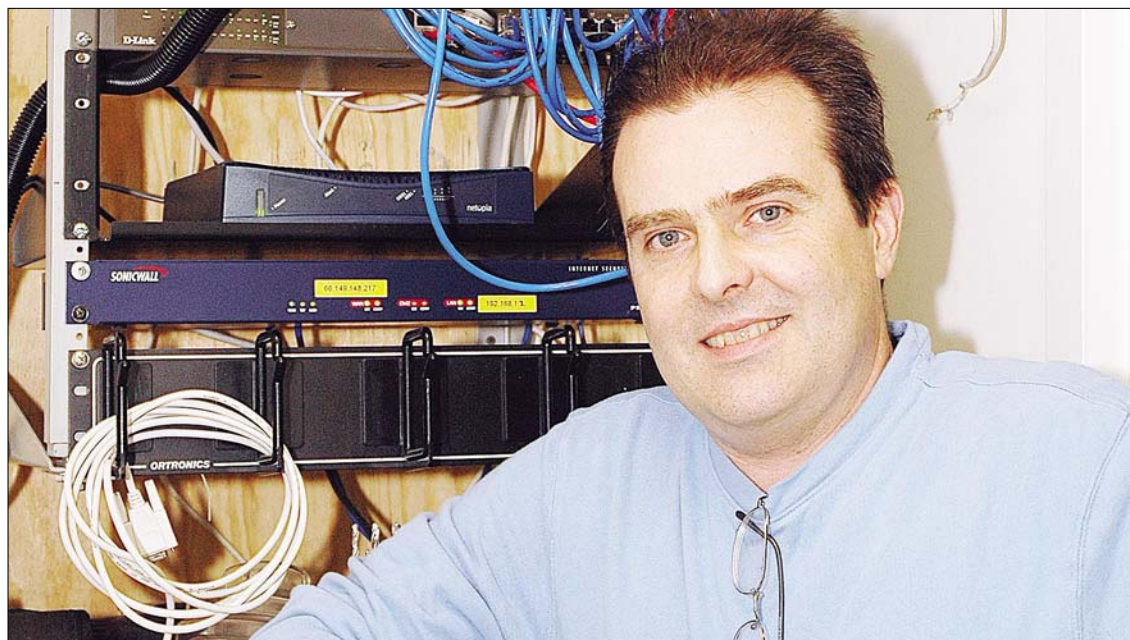
It's Half Greek to Me

Switching from sales to tech opened up a whole new world

Back in the early '90s, 49-year-old Takoma Park resident Dennis Murphy was having a blast: selling architectural references and CDs by day, partying by night, earning a good salary

plus commissions and bonuses to finance travel and a hobby of building speakers. A salesperson for the American Institute of Architects, he was also doing well enough to be asked to train up-and-comers.

But after a decade, he'd grown tired of sales. Meanwhile, as the products he peddled evolved in



TECH TALK: Dennis Murphy traded in sales for servers and landed a dream gig in Greece during the 2004 Summer Olympics.

sophistication and interactivity, he became interested in their technical aspects. "Hmm," thought the University of Vermont sociology and mass communications major. "Maybe IT would be a worthwhile career change."

In the mid-1990s, after a couple of basic computer classes else-

“It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of [the Olympics] from the inside.”

DENNIS MURPHY, IT GURU

where, Murphy took four courses at Capitol College in Laurel, which calls itself “the only independent college in Maryland dedicated to engineering, computer sciences, information technologies and business.” Those courses “exposed me to the big-picture managerial

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elements: corporate IT security, data management and warehousing, best practices," Murphy said. "It seemed to be a program where I could learn the most about the field without having to take prerequisites."

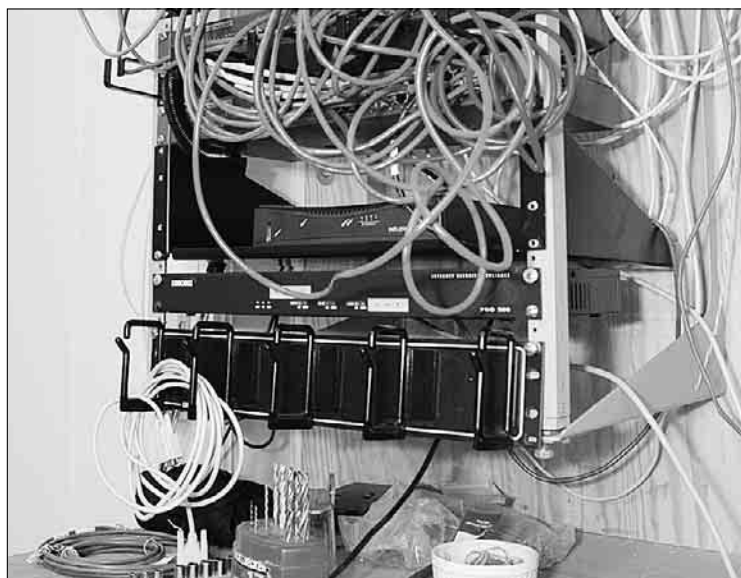
His new Capitol College information-systems graduate certificate — plus the writing and speaking skills he'd honed in sales — qualified him for a job with Fieldston Company, a D.C. consulting firm. "Certainly, these days you need more training," he said. But "once I was there a couple of years and proved my value," the company paid for a few evening courses for Microsoft certification through New Horizons, a national technical training chain with

"I gained a foreigner's perspective of the U.S. and its role and influence."

DENNIS MURPHY, IT GURU

sites in downtown D.C., McLean and Baltimore.

Fieldston Company went through a buyout. At the height of the tech boom, Murphy's boss, IT manager Brian Scott, did what thousands of other young workers were doing: He started his own company, Virginia-based Metro Networks. Six months later, when



Murphy's career path — like these computer cables — took a few twists and turns.

a second buyout was rumored and office stress was high, Murphy quit to join him.

Metro Networks does LAN/WAN network administration, server and workstation setup and support for small- and medium-sized businesses from Herndon to Annapolis to Ellicott City. He found the work exciting at first, Murphy said, but by fall 2001, he was burned out and looking to escape the long, unpaid hours that come with a start-up: "accounting, marketing, sales, collections — ugh." Murphy jumped at the chance to visit Greece, where he had relatives and the opportunity for dual citizenship. Kicking off his planned sabbatical of a year,

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he took Greek classes and updated his Microsoft certification.

That year became nearly four when Murphy won a job with PC Systems, a subcontractor for Arlington's SAIC — which was setting up and coordinating security for the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens. PC Systems' work included installing video walls and deploying related computer equipment to more than 170 Olympic venues.

As a project manager, Murphy might oversee installations at a port where cruise ships doubled as floating hotels — or argue with Greek authorities over sending equipment to a site that didn't yet have electricity. "Almost everything was delivered at the last minute," he said. "Coordination was a nightmare." Because all documentation had

to be in two languages, being the only native English speaker on staff made him the go-between for SAIC and other subcontractors.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of an event like that from the inside," he said. "Also, as a resident of another country, I gained a foreigner's perspective of the U.S. and its role and influence in the world, especially after 9/11 and into the Iraq wars." Work demands allowed him to catch only one athletic event — a baseball game — but "that was totally fun. The spectators didn't understand baseball, so I was explaining it to everyone nearby."

Once the post-Olympics technical work was over, Murphy briefly handled other European contracts. But the company's bids to work on the 2006 World Cup in Germany



Murphy dreams of starting a business that would require frequent visits to Greece.

and the 2008 Olympics in Italy were turned down. So Murphy contacted his old business partner about rejoining Metro Networks. He returned to the United States in 2005 and plunged into working with the now-flourishing firm, which has dozens of clients around the greater Washington area.

"I'm glad to be back on the technical side and taking a break from project management," he said. "I still get to interact with people as I did in sales, so it has some of the same social aspects. And my schedule is a bit flexible."

Murphy plans to keep up his education and certifications — "you have to in this industry." And he harbors dreams of starting a "business with ties to Greece so I can live a two-country life. I want to enjoy the best of both worlds." ELLEN RYAN

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Color Me Successful

A new book helps choose ideal careers by personality 'color'

Anyone who's ever laughed at Dilbert or cringed during "The Office" knows that many people seem stuck in jobs that fit as poorly as a Men's Wearhouse suit. Are these people lazy or dumb? Nah, they've just fallen into careers that don't suit their personalities, claims career coach Shoya Zichy's new book, "Career Match: Connecting


Who You Are with What You'll Love to Do" (\$15, AMACOM Books, written with Ann Bidou).


Using Zichy's easy-to-use personality assessment system (a 10-minute either-or quiz), wannabe path switchers classify themselves as one of four colors (e.g., creative, team-working Greens, adventurous, risk-taking Reds) and two socialization types (introvert or extrovert). The fun-to-use tome simplifies Myers-Briggs methodology, giving career changers

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or hunters new insights on how they might do something both more fulfilling and better suited to their personalities and skills. Express' Jennifer Barger chatted with Zichy about how determining the color of your personality might help you more than some old book about parachutes.

Who benefits most from reading this book?

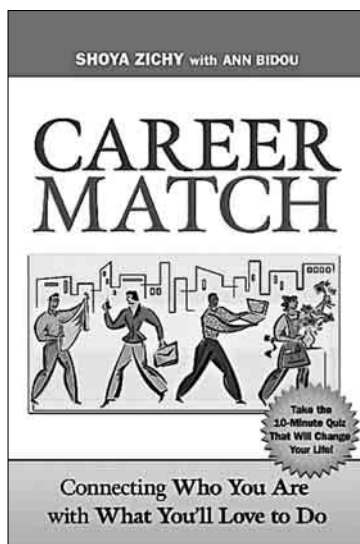
I think people just graduating from college or second-career changers in their 30s, people who tried one job and it didn't work out.

Why do it this way instead of using Myers-Briggs?

I think that'd be a very different book. The aim here is to make personality typing very user friendly.

Do you think people often go against type when career hunting — say, an artsy type trying to be a corporate lawyer?

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Which Hue Are You?

Forget about determining the color of your parachute when seeking a new field. If you really want to get to the corner office, you'll need to figure out which field fits your personality, according to Shoya Zichy's book "Career Match: Connecting Who You Are with What You'll Love to Do" (\$15, AMACOM Books, written with Ann Bidou). Here's our cheat sheet for determining where you fall in this career color wheel.

Do you mentor others well? Do you love to communicate with colorful words or graphics? Do you enjoy

teamwork? You might be a Green. Good positions for you include guidance counselor, art director, pediatrician and public relations person.

Does the external world — cars, architecture, tools — appeal to you? Is your desk covered with piles of papers? Do you yearn for adventure? You're probably a Red, and might seek work as a stockbroker, computer engineer, air traffic control or FBI agent.

Are you witty, curious, competitive and obsessed with the future? It's likely that you're a Blue, and would thrive in fields like politics, urban planning, aerospace engineering and cultural criticism.

You're organized, responsible and linear-thinking, and like to be recognized for your accomplishments. These things probably make you a Gold, and ideally suited to a gig as an actuary, a plumber, a geologist or an IRS agent. J.B.

And then you have the Greens, who are humanistic, persuasive and creative. Examples would be Diane Sawyer or Oprah Winfrey.

So can any of these types be entrepreneurs, or just the sort of bossy types like Reds or Golds?

Well, every type has a different entrepreneurial style. But if they have a mix of personality types in their business, it brings everything to the table and they'll probably do better. The problem is, it's easier to clone yourself when you hire. But it's very important to have different points of view on a team, even when they are irritating.

It seems that for some of these personality types, there were entire career fields that weren't mentioned as good career choices. For instance, I'm a Green, and there's nothing in the book that suggests I should be a banker.

You could probably do it well, but you'll get burnt out faster. But they key in a case like that is to find something you like about the field.

Say someone reads this book and finds out they are in the wrong field.



Oprah

What should the person do, short of quitting his/her job and doing nothing?

Find initiatives in the job you have that better use your talents, or try to switch functions. Let's say you're working at IBM and you're not a big company person, but you love your boss and want to keep working there. Maybe you should become a spokesperson. And if you want to change fields, start networking. And in some cases, you'll need to go back to school to do it.

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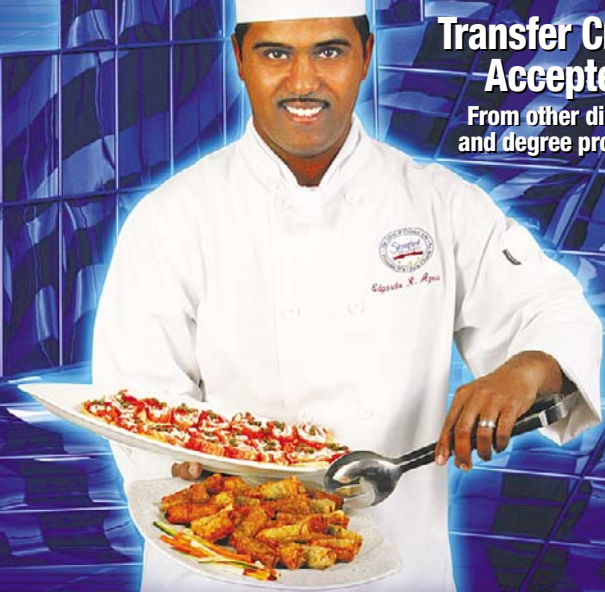
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Climbing the Hill

An onslaught of fresh faces means plenty of new opportunities

Caitlin Williams spent December working the phones, asking Washington friends if she could sleep on their couches while she looks for a job on Capitol Hill. So far she's lined up three couches, a couple of interviews and one temporary job.

Like thousands of other job seekers, Williams sees this winter as her big chance. The shift in power that recently took place when the 110th Congress was sworn in is bringing an unusual number of freshmen to the Hill, and all of them will have to establish offices.

So they'll be hiring. In the House, with 55 new members, the typical member's office has about 15 full- and part-time people on staff. In the Senate, with 10 new members, a typical office has 30 to 35 staffers. That's about 1,100 potential jobs. Many new members will bring a few employees with them from their campaigns or home offices, but most will have to hire at least some staff when they arrive.

There are hundreds more positions opening on the staffs of more than 200 soon-to-be-revamped committees and subcommittees. Almost all the committee jobs, and the upper positions of the members' office staffs, will go to people with significant experience in politics or government. But there are still plenty of openings for assistants, researchers, clerks, receptionists and other entry-level jobs, usually involving long hours and low pay.

And Williams — at 22, already a veteran of two Hill internships and a campaign — is ready to couch-surf until she gets one of those jobs.

"People are rolling off campaigns, coming to Washington with a passion," said Chris Jones, founder of PoliTemps, a placement company. "Or they are graduating and waiting to work on the Hill."

"This is a very busy time, and there are also a great deal of openings, many more than there typically are," said Rick Shapiro, the



Allison Sheren talks with a PoliTemps coordinator about possibilities on the Hill.

outgoing executive director of the Congressional Management Foundation, a nonpartisan, non-profit organization that provides research and other assistance to congressional offices.

"When you have someone who is a new Democratic committee member, they will send a chief of staff or legislative director to their new committee," he said. "Then they're going to promote someone from their personal office to be the legislative director. That creates another opening for a legislative aide, who gets promoted from legislative correspondent. So one hiring could lead to four or five positions."

What awaits the job seekers? Legwork. Paperwork. Dead ends. Rumors — like the one about 1,000 applications for one unpaid intern-

ship on the staff of Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. And probably a few applications to restaurants and bars, so they can pay a little something for that couch-surfing.

Robert Primus, chief of staff for Rep. Michael Capuano, D-Mass., said he's received at least 100 unsolicited resumes for job openings that don't exist. He understands the plight of Hill job seekers as well as anyone: In 1991, as a student at Hampton University, he started his Hill career by walking into the office of Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., and asking for work. He got hired as an unpaid summer intern.

Looking for work on the Hill at this point is a full-time job itself. Williams has contacted people she worked with on the campaign and on the Hill about openings. She

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gets job listings from the Young Democrats, keeps up with Web sites that list Hill jobs, and has signed on with PoliTemps.

She checks the online listings at the Senate placement office (senate.gov/employment) and picks up the House listings (hard copy only, available at 227 Longworth). She also has contacted alumni from her alma mater, American University, but “there are thousands of people contacting them,” she said.

For job seekers, there are a couple places to drop off resumes. The Senate placement office (room SH-116), the House resume drop-off location for new members (240 Longworth), and the House resume referral service, which is open year-round (227 Longworth), have been accepting resumes on behalf of the

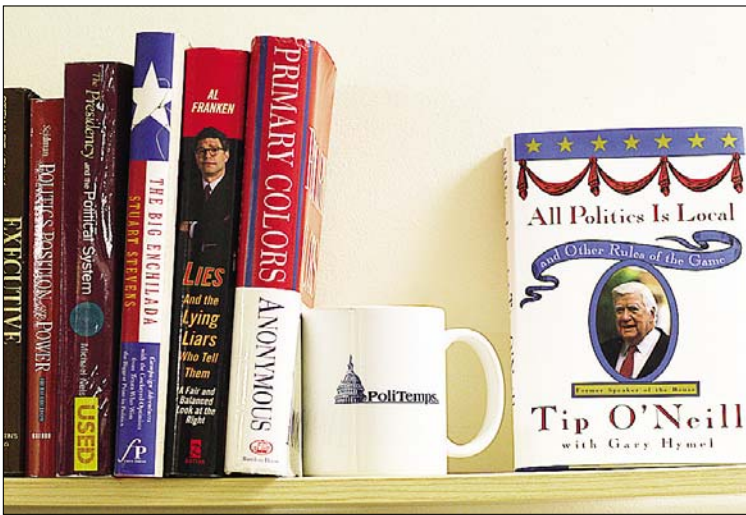
new members and other members who are looking to fill positions.

The Senate placement office has an application form on its Web site and conducts an initial informational interview with job candidates. After that, it’s up to senators’ offices to screen and hire. The placement office accepts and solicits candidates for the lowest through the most senior positions.

Some offices, particularly new ones, will wait a few months to fully staff up. So this might be the time to just ask for an unpaid internship, said Jim Manley, spokesman for the incoming Senate majority leader, Harry Reid, D-Nev.

In a few months, a few more paid jobs may open up, and someone with current experience will have an advantage.

Manley recommends stopping by



Job placement company PoliTemps' collection of standard textbooks for Hill life.

a number of offices to try to talk to the office manager. “The only way you’re going to get a job is getting in to meet with people,” he said.

In addition, he said, freshman offices typically have high turnover, as staff and managers figure out what’s working and what isn’t.

So, jobs that are filled now may be available in a few months.

The question is whether these lower-level staffers and staff member-wannabes can hold out. “These are not, in all cases, glamorous jobs,” Shapiro said. But assertiveness is a must.

“It’s a workplace that rewards people who are assertive and people who are comfortable walking the line between being in your face and being assertive,” he said. “People who tend to say, ‘Well, I called them last week and don’t really want to bother them’ are going to have a lot harder time finding a job than the person who says, ‘I will drop by the office and there’s a chance they’ll feel guilty about not returning my call and see me for five minutes.’”

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Life at Work

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I just got a letter of reprimand at work for how I dress — and I really disagree with it! There are specific points in the letter I take issue with (such as the categorization of some things I've worn and that I'm not allowed to wear V-neck tops — ever). What can I do? I can't afford to go buy a whole new wardrobe to satisfy my boss' Puritan streak!

Get over yourself and pay attention to what your boss is saying. If s/he isn't happy with what you're wearing, that likely means there's a problem. Throw a T-shirt under that V-neck. Wear opaque tights with the short skirt. Put a jacket over your sleeveless tops. Go to Target if you can't afford new things and get a couple conservative tops. This is serious business, believe it or not. It takes a lot (usually) for a boss to reprimand a worker for the way

s/he dresses. You need to look at your wardrobe and figure out how to look more professional. You can still be you, but if you care about your job, take note of your boss' request and work with it. (Bet you thought I was going to side with you, didn't ya?)

I've been submitting my resume to some targeted job ads and am getting a decent response. I've been on four to six interviews, but am not landing a position. I'm overweight (working on it, down 20 lbs. so far) and I'm wondering if that's keeping me from an offer. Is there something I should do or say to show my looks shouldn't be an issue?

Hard to say what's going on there. There is such a thing as appearance discrimination, but I don't think you have enough to go on to bring it up in an interview. Remember that it could just be that there is a lot of competition for the jobs. (Which there is right now — everyone seems to be looking for new work!) Make sure to send thank-you notes, follow up and be persistent after the interviews. And if you so desire, call back and ask for some feedback post-interview. Lots of companies won't give

it, but I know many other employers that do.

During my annual review, my boss informed me that I will receive a market-value raise because I am "clearly performing at a higher level than I'm being paid." He says he doesn't know yet how much the raise will be and that his boss will contact me shortly to discuss further. How are market-value raises determined and are they negotiable? If so, any tips on how I can negotiate a fair increase?

There are lots of places to go to find out what others in your industry are making. Check out the Bureau of Labor Statistics for wage data (bls.gov). Make sure to look up what folks in your field are making in the D.C. region. And if your boss offers you less than desired, get to negotiating. But think about why you have "earned" more than what they offer first. If you do your research, you'll have a lot to go on.

I've been encouraged to apply for a job in another department within my organization. I am very interested and typically I would have no issue applying. That being said, I am two months' pregnant and

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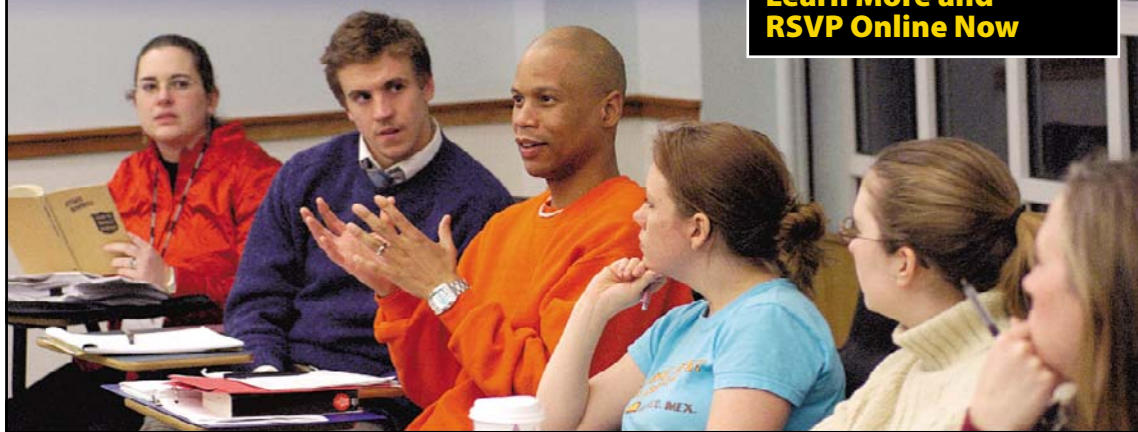
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my due date is during this department's busiest time. I'm torn. If I do apply, I will certainly tell them that I am pregnant because I feel it's the right thing to do. But am I better off not applying at all and waiting for another opportunity?

If you wait, it may never come. If you're that interested, go ahead and apply. Even though I'd usually suggest you not tell your workplace that you're pregnant until you are safely out of the first trimester, you are right to go ahead and tell them that your birth will coincide with their busy time — they will appreciate your candid approach. It also means they may be able to figure something out so they can give you the job and make sure you're covered while you're out.

I'm about to receive my master's degree and am beginning my job search. I live in Germantown and am looking for positions in D.C. Do you think employers might be deterred from hiring me because of my location? I attend school in D.C. and am capable of commuting into the city, but I'm worried they might be concerned about my ability to get to work with the crazy traffic on I-270 or something. Please assuage my worries!

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I'm interviewing for a job that is exactly comparable to my current position, but double in pay. How do I answer the "Why are you looking to leave?" question? Honestly, I wouldn't leave except it's SO much more money, but that's not exactly the image I want to project. But "exploring new opportunities" doesn't seem right, since it's the same job, just a different company.

Tell them you're looking for some growth. (No need to mention you mean in your bank account.) But seriously, that can work, along with you saying you were looking for a new challenge. Then go into what you like to do and what your goals are. Any time people move to different jobs, it's a new, different situation, right? So think about how it would be different, and think about what you would like to do in a new position that you haven't before.

I took a job about two months ago after nine months of unemployment. I did some temping during

this time. I'm not a serial job jumper or job quitter. However, I think, in retrospect, this might not be the right job or situation for me. What can I do? Money and health insurance is an issue.

Start looking now, and at the same time, consider how and if this job could be better. Looking might take a while, so by the time you start getting interviews, you might have been in this two-month job a bit longer than you are now. It never hurts to look for new gigs, and in fact, we should always be open to moving. Get out, network, talk to friends and former colleagues and think about what you'd want to do next. But use this job as a lesson and make sure you don't just jump into something you aren't sure about because you think you're ready to move on.

How do you know whether you're a high-maintenance employee but no one wants to tell you?

You could always ask your boss. But in a good way: "Does it seem like I need more hand-holding than others?" This could start a good conversation about how to be more independent at work, without being too independent. It's always good to ask questions and brainstorm with your boss and co-workers.

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